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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

DALLAS, TEXAS

August 23, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

During the afternoon of August 21st Mr. TOM MANION, 1627 Poplar, Dallas, Texas, no telephone, called at the Dallas Office. He informed me that he had a case of very grave importance to report. The Bureau will recall that TOM MANION is a former Deputy Sheriff of Dallas County, Texas, who was convicted and sent to the penitentiary in connection with the escape of HARVEY BAILEY, notorious kidnaper.

When MANION called at the office he first inquired of me as to whether I had seen FREEMAN BURFORD lately. I informed MANION that I had seen Mr. BURFORD on the sidewalk in front of the Tower Petroleum Building within an hour of the time of his (MANION'S) call. It may be noted that Mr. FREEMAN BURFORD was recently indicted in New Orleans, Louisiana, with Ex-Governor RICHARD LECHE and Mr. SEYMOUR WEISS for violation of the Connally Hot Oil Act. Mr. BURFORD, during the past week, was released on a writ of habeas corpus by United States District Judge T. W. DAVIDSON.

MANION then went on to inform me that he had received information which had come to him "straight" to the effect that on Friday, August 18, 1939, some kidnapers had kidnaped FREEMAN BURFORD while he was under the influence of liquor at Dallas, Texas, and had taken him to the Roosevelt Hotel in Shreveport, Louisiana, where they held him during Saturday and Sunday, August 19th and 20, 1939, for a ransom of \$10,000 with a threat that they would turn him over to the United States Attorney for prosecution if that money was not forthcoming. MANION stated that he could not advise me as to the source of his information because if he did so he would violate a confidence. He did advise, however, that it came to him from a source that was looking for someone to go over to Shreveport to cause the release of Mr. BURFORD. He indicated that in all probability the \$10,000 ransom had been paid. I informed Mr. MANION that I would check into the matter.

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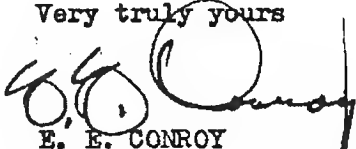
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During the afternoon I got in touch with Mr. DILLARD ESTES, of the law firm of CHIZUM and ESTES, 1303 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas. Mr. ESTES is a close friend of Mr. BURFORD, as well as his attorney. I advised Mr. ESTES of the information which had been received at this office without disclosing the source, and informed him that he, Mr. ESTES, might be able to definitely advise as to whether Mr. BURFORD had been absent from Dallas during the period in question. Mr. ESTES stated that the information furnished this office was fantastic to the extreme, and that he, Mr. ESTES, had been with Mr. BURFORD almost continually during the period in question except at night when they slept at their respective homes. Mr. ESTES stated that if I so desired he could furnish me with a detailed statement of all the movements of Mr. BURFORD during that period.

The above is being made a matter of record, and is submitted to the Bureau for its information.

Very truly yours


E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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cc New Orleans

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New Orleans, Louisiana
August 24, 1939

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: SHIRLEY G. WIMBERLY;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are three copies of excerpts of the speech of SHIRLEY G. WIMBERLY given over Radio Station WDSU, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 22, 1939, the excerpts being taken by means of an Ediphone and a transcript made therefrom.

The excerpts taken from the speech of WIMBERLY pertain particularly to O. JOHNSON, Chief of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Sackett
B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Following are excerpts from the speech of SHIRLEY G. WIMBERLY, given over Radio Station WDSU, New Orleans, August 22, 1939, at 9:20 PM. This was taken by means of an ediphone and the following is the transcript therefrom:

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...from investigating graft and corruption in Louisiana, and they knew in their vicious and corrupt hearts, that was not my purpose. They knew that I am just as much interested in clean Government in Louisiana as they pretend to be. The only thing I ever objected to about O. JOHN ROGGE was his very obvious disposition to play to the press in this State, and the only reason I objected and do still object, was because I refuse to stand idly by and see ROGGE help these newspapers to create the impression throughout the world at large that because some of Louisiana's public figures have been indicted and charged with the commission of crime in this State, that decency and honesty do not reside here at all, and that Louisiana is a gangster-land where a man can't even exercise his right of free speech, without of being in danger of being taken for a ride. And I say that's not so. I say a man can speak his mind in this State, without any fear at all, and I say that because I've spoken my mind all over this State, many times without ever being bothered by the people of any locality, whether they agreed with my views or not and lord knows, sometimes they didn't. They've always given me a fair hearing, and I say further, that when ROGGE had his picture taken by these newspapers, with a letter containing bullets and a death threat which he says he received, he was actuated by face motives and was playing to the grandstand of public opinion. Does my time run out at 10:15?

There never was a prosecutor of public officials, ladies and gentlemen, in this world, who has not at some time or another, during his official life, received a so-called death threat from a crank. If you don't believe me my friends, just pick up your telephone tomorrow morning and ask District Attorney CHARLES A. BYRNE or Chief of Detectives JOHN GROSCH if I'm telling you the truth. And ask them if they have ever published such a letter if they got one. Ask them why they haven't, and I'll bet you they'll tell you it was because they realize that it would hurt the reputation and credit of this city and State to publish a thing like that. Why, I've gotten threatening letters. I've gotten hundreds of letters threatening my life - I've gotten letters, I've gotten messages since this little series of speeches started, and anytime I get one of them I crumple it up and throw it in the waste basket where it deserves to be, because it's from some crazy crank that has no intention of killing anyhow.

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A man don't warn you when he's going to kill you, he goes ahead and bumps you off.

Why the other day these newspapers carried a picture of ROGGE in his shirt sleeves in a melodramatic pose saying "This fight will be carried on to the end". Why man you look like a character out of Horatio Alger in that pose. What fight? Who's fighting you? You've caught some people and you say they're crooks, and you had them indicted, you get some more and you'll have them indicted - so what? Go ahead and try them. Then if a jury after hearing the evidence says they're guilty, put them in jail where they belong. Who's fighting you? You're supported by all the prestige and power of the United States of America, and you even have the United States Army and Navy to fight at your side, if it should become necessary. You think people of Louisiana are crazy? Do you think they'd want to fight Uncle Sam? What the people of Louisiana insist on is that you function under the American Constitution of 1789 and not under a Constitution drafted for you by the Times Picayune and the Boston Club of New Orleans. Conform to the dignity and tradition of your high office and stop letting these newspapers make you ridiculous. You're down here on serious business MR. ROGGE, and that affects the welfare of an entire sovereign State, and if you comport yourself with dignity and honor when your duties are over, you will leave here with the gratitude, respect and admiration of Louisiana's people. But if you will not so comport yourself, and you continue to permit yourself to be entrapped by the newspapers into an unsound and unjustified position, such as the one at Opelousas when you sent those G-Men over there to do plain police duty, mere police duty, when you knew or should have known that the Constitution, or rather the Supreme Court of the United States said you got no business to do that.

I say if you don't leave off that sort of stuff you're going to leave Louisiana's people but one alternative, and that is, to demand of Attorney General FRANK MURPHY that you either confine yourself to the performance of your official duties, or that you be ~~pla~~ replaced by someone who will. You should know by this time that you are being exploited by a group of people who were repudiated by an overwhelming majority of Louisiana's citizens fifteen years ago. Not one of these people who are trying to use you for their own selfish purpose could get a letter of recommendation from any decent and honest citizen of this State for the humblest public position in Louisiana.

So MR. ROGGE, again let me appeal to you. Stop misadvertising Louisiana to the world. Make a careful and searching investigation of the violation of Federal laws in this state and vigorously prosecute all defendants. And if you convict 'em and send 'em to jail all decent people in Louisiana will thank you. But take off the costume of Don Quixote and stop attacking windmills and bugeboos when there's an opportunity for you to perform a real service to Louisiana and her people. Throughout these

United States you could find thousands of honest, capable, level-headed young attorneys who would gladly seize the opportunity you have to win win the legal eminence that such a situation as this one afford. Don't throw away the opportunity which these other young men would so eagerly grasp. Don't sacrifice what might... Keep your eye on the ball MR. ROGGE and give Louisiana an investigation and not a three ring circus, so the newspapers can scandalize our fair State in the eyes of the world. That's all I ask of you and that's little...

1308 Masonic Temple Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana,
August 21, 1939

Honorable Hans A. Vieson,
United States Attorney,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

RE: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS -
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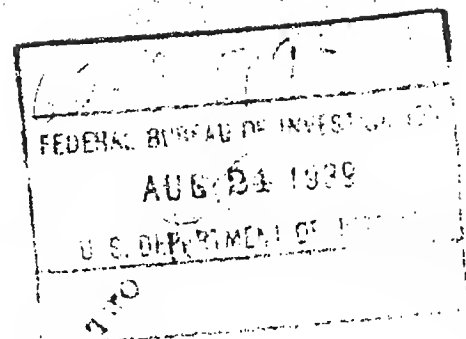
In accordance with past procedure, there is being forwarded to you herewith a letter received by this office from a woman who signs her name as ARTIE HART, which letter was mailed from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This individual refers to a previous communication she addressed to this office. However, a review of the files in this office does not reflect that she has written previously and does not reflect any interview with her husband.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge

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LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS INFORMATION CONCERNING. FEDERAL GRAND JURY TODAY RECESSED SUBJECT TO CALL. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROGGE DOES NOT INTEND TO CALL GRAND JURY INTO SESSION FOR AT LEAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS. JAMES MONROE SMITH WILL BE ARRAIGNED ON INCOME TAX INDICTMENT THIS FRIDAY AND IS EXPECTED TO PLEAD GUILTY. FREEMAN BURFORD OIL MAGNATE AT DALLAS TEXAS AND HIS ATTORNEY HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH ROGGE AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT BURFORD MIGHT VOLUNTARILY COME TO NEW ORLEANS FOR PURPOSE OF BEING ARRAIGNED ON HOT OIL INDICTMENT. NOTHING DEFINITE ON THIS AS YET. ROGGE IS LEAVING AT TEN FIFTEEN TONIGHT FOR WASHINGTON BY AIRPLANE AND EXPECTS TO RETURN HERE THIS THURSDAY. ROGGE TODAY INFORMED NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVES HE WAS DISCONTINUING HIS PRESS CONFERENCES AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEWS UNTIL THE TRIAL OF THE BIENVILLE HOTEL MAIL FRAUD CASE SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE SEPTEMBER FIFTH.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New Orleans, Louisiana
August 22, 1939

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ABRAHAM L. SHUSHAN, HENRY J. MILLER,
ROBERT J. NEWMAN, NORVIN TRENT HARRIS, JR.,
H. W. WAGUESPACK;
Mail Fraud

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On August 15, 1939, Assistant United States Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE requested an Agent (Accountant) be made available to Special Assistant Attorney General HAROLD ROSENWALD for the purpose of assisting him in the phase of the above-entitled case relating to the refunding of Orleans Levee Board bonds by the brokerage firm of NEWMAN & HARRIS of New Orleans.

For the information of the Bureau, on July 10, 1936, the firm of NEWMAN & HARRIS & COMPANY secured a contract from the Orleans Levee Board to refund five outstanding callable 5% bond issues of that board totaling in principal \$5,485,000.00, with maturities running to 1975, and for which services under the contract the brokerage house was to receive 25% of the savings effected to the Levee Board. The maturities on outstanding issues were re-arranged, shortening them considerably, and a lower interest rate obtained for the refunded issues, which rate by a certain average amounted to 3.87%, according to ROBERT J. NEWMAN of the firm of NEWMAN, HARRIS & COMPANY. The savings, as computed by the brokerage house, on the \$1,985,863.42 was computed as the difference in the amount of the interest to be paid under the old schedule of maturities and that payable under the new schedule prepared by the brokerage firm, less adjustments for premiums paid on calling the old issues and that received on the sale on new issues, also including other adjustments for forfeitures of stipulated maturities made by the brokerage firm. Of the commission received by NEWMAN, HARRIS & COMPANY, 50%, less certain deductions for expenses, was paid to ABRAHAM SHUSHAN, a former president of the Levee Board who had resigned in 1935 after an indictment against him for violation of Federal income tax evasion statutes. SHUSHAN is also a notorious political character in the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana. The amount received by SHUSHAN was approximately \$200,000.00. Of this amount, about one third, as was learned by the United States Attorney's office, was paid to two other individuals. Of this amount, approximately \$15,000.00 was paid to HENRY J. MILLER, an accountant, and approximately \$45,000.00 was paid to H. W. WAGUESPACK, who was at the time of the payment a member of the Levee Board.

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NEWMAN and HARRIS disclaimed any knowledge of the split of the part of the fee paid to SHUSHAN and claimed to have paid SHUSHAN under an agreement with him to furnish them information as to how the contract could be obtained legally, although SHUSHAN is neither lawyer, accountant, or bond expert.

Special Agent (A) NELSON PERRY conferred with Special Assistant to the Attorney General HAROLD ROSENWALD and ROBERT J. NEWMAN, and also conferred with Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE, Special Assistant to the Attorney General HAROLD ROSENWALD, United States Attorney RENE VIOSCA, ROBERT J. NEWMAN, NORVIN TRENT HARRIS, JR., and E. E. TALBOT, Attorney for NEWMAN and HARRIS. Agent PERRY also attended a private conference with Special Assistant to the Attorney General HAROLD ROSENWALD, and another conference with Special Assistant to the Attorney General HAROLD ROSENWALD, L. L. MOAK, ROBERT J. NEWMAN, NORVIN TRENT HARRIS, JR., and E. E. TALBOT. L. L. MOAK is employed as a clerk at the Bureau of Governmental Research of New Orleans, Louisiana, a civic organization organized to act as a fact-finding body in the interests of better civic government in New Orleans. L. L. MOAK and other members of that bureau have made a study of the Newman, Harris & Company-Orleans Levee Board transaction, and had prepared a report, a copy of which has been furnished for the file of the New Orleans Office, which report reached the conclusion that the savings effected by the brokerage firm to the Levee Board were considerably less than that computed by the brokerage firm and that, therefore, the commission received was excessive to the extent of the difference in the result of the calculations of the brokerage firm, and the Bureau of Governmental Research.

The basis for computation used by MOAK was to apply the old interest rate to the new schedule of maturities and computing the difference between that amount of interest and the amount of interest payable under the new rate on the new schedule of maturities. He said he had also computed present values on a compound interest rate of 2% of the differences in expenditures required each year to make principal and interest payments under the old and new schedules of bond maturities, and the result of this computation is said to be the savings to the Board, based on the present value of money, which savings amounted to considerably less than that as computed by the brokerage firm.

The Bureau of Governmental Research concluded in its report that the methods employed by it were the actual savings to the

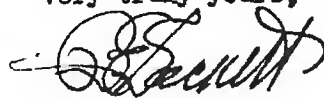
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Board under the basis of their computations, and the result of their computations in which the difference in interest to be paid by the Board on the refunded issues by applying the old and new rate to the new schedule of maturities amounted to \$698,088.42, as compared with the \$1,985,863.42 on which the commission was paid to the brokerage firm.

Agent PERRY attended these conferences only in a advisory capacity to the Government's attorneys and declined to furnish any opinion as to the accepted or proper basis for computing the savings effected by the refunding of the Levee Board bond issues, taking the position that such a matter was within the specialized field of bond experts, theorized upon the basis from which to determine the true savings on the refunding transaction. He did, however, furnish suggestions to the Government's attorneys as to different bases that could be employed in computing the savings, and advised them that he was qualified to make computations on the bases suggested.

Due to the fact that Special Assistant to the Attorney General HAROLD ROSENWALD desired that the facts representing the savings to the Levee Board on the refunding of its bonds be presented to the grand jury on August 17, 1939, and the file had not been made available to Agent PERRY, the computations as suggested by Agent PERRY could not be performed within the time required. MR. ROSENWALD, therefore, decided to use for presentation to the grand jury the testimony of L. L. MOAK and indicated that he would not at this time require further assistance of Agent PERRY, since the indictments were expected to be returned by August 18, 1939.

Very truly yours,



B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New Orleans, La.
Aug. 23, 1939.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: HILARY J. GAUDIN;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

The details of the investigation conducted in the above matter are set out in report of Special Agent S. M. WOLF, New Orleans, dated July 27, 1939.

To bring this matter up to date for the information of the Bureau, I may advise that the Attorney General left it up to the U. S. Attorney, RENE A. VIOSCA, as to whether the resignation of GAUDIN should be asked for. MR. VIOSCA considered asking for GAUDIN'S resignation, at which time GAUDIN vigorously protested and begged that he be allowed to remain in office, at least until the present inquiries are over, since if he would resign at the present time he would ruin his legal career in New Orleans.

MR. VIOSCA agreed to GAUDIN'S request, but asked that he have nothing to do with the investigation into the political situation in New Orleans and Louisiana, and should not acquaint himself with any of the details thereof. Since that time GAUDIN has been coming around the U. S. Attorney's office but has taken no active part in the work connected with the current investigations.

On August 21, 1939, Assistant Attorney General ROGGE and MR. VIOSCA advised me that they were that day going to instruct GAUDIN to stay away from the U. S. Attorney's office entirely, and take all the annual leave he is entitled to in order that he will not be in a position to be around the office and to learn any of the information developed by the investigations being conducted or the plans of the prosecuting officials.

This is the present status of the matter, and if there are any further developments I will of course advise the Bureau in the premises.

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

There are inclosed herewith photostatic
copies of the following communications:

Letter dated August 29, 1939, addressed
to the Attorney General by A. Hazard Perry, Vice-
Chairman, Red River Parish Democratic Executive Com-
mittee, and its inclosures (clippings).

Letter dated August 23, 1939, addressed
to the Director by Frank H. Spuhler, 1107 North 33rd
Street, Camden, New Jersey, and its inclosure.

The Bureau desires that one copy of each of
these be furnished to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosea.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
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Mr. Coffey.....
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AGENT
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693 N. 30TH STREET
CAMDEN, N. J.



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice
Washington D.C.

1107 33 Street
 Camden N.J.
 8/23/39

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Dept. of Justice W.B.L.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed part of a Let.-Ce. Post
 editorial disclose that K. K. Kennedy is the
 real name of the Wisconsin person who

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It is hoped to negotiate
 mente but who kept the
 hence accounts the Juvenil danger charged
 the individual think can move, and more

There have reported my income tax returns?
 I do not think Wisconsin got here for
 rather that the danger got a certain per-
 centage and the rest went to the King but
 hearing this is my guess because of
 further attitude the danger had.
 in reading the latest reports and

trust you succeed in cleaning out this
smelly mess down there.

Please do not bother acknowledging
this letter.

Yours truly

Frank J. Spuhler

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PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 26, 1939

The Man Who Understood Huey

IN 1930 a law student at Louisiana State University published a magazine obscenely libeling members of the faculty. A detective hired by the president of the school identified one K. K. Kennedy, a Huey Long acolyte, as the editor. Kennedy was sentenced to a year in jail.

Long pardoned him at once, but when he tried to force President Atkinson and Dean Tullis to give Kennedy his final examinations, both refused. Long got rid of both. Kennedy now is an attorney for the Tax Commission at Baton Rouge.

James Monroe Smith then was a dean at Southwestern Louisiana Institute. He had been a country schoolteacher, a high school and a normal school teacher in succession, taking his master's and doctor's degrees at Columbia. Long never had heard of him. But Huey, seeking a man "with a hide as tough as an elephant's," made Doctor Smith head of Louisi-

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

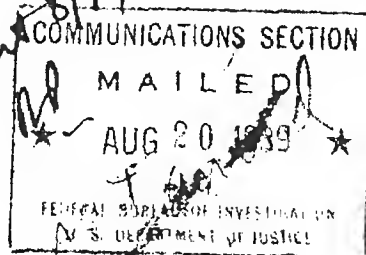
I am attaching hereto a copy of a teletype just received by me from the Agent in Charge in Louisiana, which I think fully confirms the fears which I have had relative to the excessive publicity that has been indulged in in connection with the Louisiana matter.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTORNEY GENERAL ROGGE RETURNED TO NEW ORLEANS LATE LAST NIGHT.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY, PURSUANT HIS REQUEST, WITHHELD RETURNING

INDICTMENTS YESTERDAY AND RECESSED UNTIL MONDAY. INDICTMENTS

TO BE RETURNED MONDAY, AFTER WHICH GRAND JURY WILL RECESS FOR

TWO WEEKS. FEDERAL JUDGE BORAH SPOKE TO ROGGE AND USA VIOSCA WARNING

THEM AGAINST FURTHER UNDESIRABLE PUBLICITY, VENTURING AN OPINION THAT

IF CONTINUED IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AN IMPARTIAL JURY

AND EVEN IF CONVICTIONS WERE OBTAINED THERE WOULD BE GOOD GROUNDS

FOR REVERSAL DUE TO THE PUBLICITY. I ALSO HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT CLARK

SALMON MANAGING EDITOR OF THE ITEM TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER EARLIER THIS

WEEK ALSO CAUTIONED ROGGE AGAINST CONTINUANCE OF PERSONAL PUBLICITY.

USA VIOSCA TODAY INFORMED ME THAT THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY YESTERDAY

OFFICIALLY CENSORED ROGGE FOR ADVISING NEWSPAPER MEN THE SUBSTANCE OF

INDICTMENTS BEFORE THEY WERE RETURNED AND THAT THIS MORNING THE

FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY EXPRESSED THE BODYS VIEWS ORALLY TO ROGGE.

USA VIOSCA ADVISES ME THAT SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL HAROLD

ROSENWALD HAS APPARENTLY TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED

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CASE INVOLVING NEWMAN AND HARRIS COMPANY, BROKERS, AND THE NEW ORLEANS LEVEE BOARD MEMBERS. HE WENT TO HARVARD WITH A BROTHER OF ROBERT NEWMAN, A PROPOSED DEFENDANT, AND ACCORDING TO VIOSCA HAS CONFERRED WITH NEWMAN AND HIS ATTORNEY AND HAS ASKED FOR A DELAY IN HAVING THE INDICTMENT AGAINST THEM RETURNED, HAS PERMITTED NEWMAN AND HARRIS AND THEIR ATTORNEY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY AND HAS ALSO GONE OVER THE GOVERNMENTS CASE WITH NEWMAN AND HARRIS AND THEIR ATTORNEY AT NIGHT. VIOSCA DOES NOT BELIEVE ROSENWALD IS ACTING IN BAD FAITH BUT DOES THINK HE IS USING EXTREMELY BAD JUDGMENT IN HIS EFFORTS TO PREVENT NEWMAN AND HARRIS FROM BEING INDICTED, PROBABLY AS A RESULT OF HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH NEWMANS BROTHERS.

AT YESTERDAYS HEARING IN DALLAS, AFTER FREEMAN BURFORD WHOSE REMOVAL WAS BEING SOUGHT TO LOUISIANA ON THE HOT OIL INDICTMENT, WAS DISMISSED FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY BY FEDERAL JUDGE T WHITFIELD DAVIDSON WHO REFUSED TO ORDER HIS REMOVAL, ROGGE WAS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS HAVING STATED THAT HE WOULD AGAIN TRY TO REMOVE BURFORD TO LOUISIANA SHOULD BURFORD LEAVE THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS. THIS MORNING ROGGE ASKED ME WHETHER OUR BUREAU WOULD PLACE A SURVEILLANCE ON BURFORD SO THAT HE COULD BE APPREHENDED IN THE

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EVENT HE LEFT THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS. I TOLD MR ROGGE THAT HIS STATEMENT TO THE NEWSPAPERS IN DALLAS OF HIS INTENTIONS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY SERVE AS A WARNING TO KEEP BURFORD WITHIN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND FURTHERMORE, SINCE THE INDICTMENT INVOLVED ONLY A VIOLATION OF THE CONNALLY ACT WHICH IS NOT WITHIN OUR INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION, THE FBI ^{COULD} TAKE NO ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH KEEPING BURFORD UNDER SURVEILLANCE TO EFFECT HIS APPREHENSION SHOULD HE LEAVE THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS. I SUGGESTED THAT HE MAKE ^{HIS} ~~HIS~~ REQUEST OF THE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY WHICH INVESTIGATED THE SUBSTANTIVE CASE. HE IS SENDING CERTIFIED COPIES OF INDICTMENT TO SHREVEPORT LOUISIANA AND LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS FOR AVILABILITY IN TE EVENT BURFORD SHOULD APPEAR IN THOSE DISTRICTS. I AM TAKING NO ACTION WHATEVER RELATIVE TO BURFORD IN VIEW OF FACTS STATED ABOVE UNLESS YOU INSTRUCT TO CONTRARY. ROGGE THIS MORNING, ACORDING TO USA VIOSCA, TOLD HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TO LEAVE HIM IN THE BACKGROUND AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE HE WAS BEING CRITICIZED FROM ALL SIDES FOR HIS PAST PUBLICITY. ROGGE'S SPIRITS ARE VERY LOW THIS MORNING.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 22, 1939

EAT:LCJ

Time: 2:25 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Mr. Stanley Carroll of the International News Service called and stated that Mr. Hearst has sent one of the foremost woman writers, Inez Robb, to Louisiana to report on the situation there. He stated that Miss Robb is a personal friend of the Attorney General, and had tried to contact him before going to Louisiana in order that he might tell her whom she might contact there and advise those people from whom she might obtain information that she could be trusted. He requested that if possible arrangements be made so that she could be directed to the right people to talk with.

Mr. Carroll stated that he is going to have a man at Mr. Rogge's press conference this afternoon, and that this man will explain the situation to Mr. Rogge. Mr. Carroll inquired if there is anyone in charge of the investigation who could give her the background of the case.

I advised Mr. Carroll that the Bureau is conducting only a small part of the investigation in this matter, and that the work is divided up between several governmental agencies. However, I told Mr. Carroll that I would present the matter to the Director and would get his opinion on it.

E. A. Tamm
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I called Carroll
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EAT 9/24/39

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.
August 22, 1939**

EAT:TEB

Time 7 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

I called Stanley Carroll of the Inter-
national News Service and told him I had dis-
cussed with the Director the matter of Inez Robb,
reporter for the Hearst Newspapers, going to New
Orleans to cover the Louisiana situation. I
told him the Director said the only person Robb
should contact is O. John Rogge.

I told Stanley Carroll I had checked
discreetly and found that Rogge intends to return
to New Orleans on Thursday.

Mr. Carroll stated he had someone at
Rogge's press conference today and this person
explained the matter to Rogge at which time he
promised to give her every cooperation. Mr.
Mulcahy is also going to speak to Mr. Rogge and
explain the matter further and in the meantime
Mr. Mulcahy intends to inquire of the Attorney
General whether Robb is satisfactory as far as he
is concerned.

E. A. TAMM

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AUG 23 1939
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

August 21st 1939.

Time 3:53 p.m.

Name Mr. Fair/Hardin tele
locally

Referred to _____

Details:

Stated he has corresponded with the Director relative to the Louisiana Situation and is now in the city for a few days to talk with someone relative to this. The call was transferred to Mr. Rosen.

Mr. Rosen advises that he is checking the files on this, that Mr. Hardin has brought various documents from Louisiana with him which he wants the Bureau Laboratory to examine, and Mr. Rosen states he is submitting a memo immediately on this. -cd

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8/22/39

Hardin checked out

early this morning

for further action, R

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sears _____
Mr. Q. Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Schilder _____
Miss Gandy _____

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
August 21, 1939

AR:TEB

Time 3:50 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Mr. J. Fair Harden, Assistant Attorney General of the Nineteenth District of Louisiana, called and stated he had written Mr. Hoover requesting the services of a handwriting expert in connection with the Louisiana situation. He stated Mr. Hoover had replied by letter inquiring how long the handwriting expert would be needed. Mr. Harden stated he wrote Mr. Hoover last Tuesday explaining as nearly as possible how long the expert would be needed. He stated that as he was now in Washington perhaps he could get Mr. Hoover's decision and thus save time.

I told Mr. Harden I would check into this matter and thereafter advise him. He stated he was staying at the Washington Hotel, Room 626.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. ROSEN

After checking the files, I find that there is an outgoing letter dated August 17, 1939, which apparently Mr. Hardin has not received. This letter states that it is the Bureau's policy not to make examinations of technical evidence which has already been examined by other experts for it seems an unnecessary duplication of efforts. I will advise Mr. Hardin of this.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 23 1939
W. H. H.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New Orleans, La.
Aug. 21, 1939.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are copies of indictments returned by
the Federal Grand Jury at New Orleans, one against ABRAHAM I.
SHUSHAN, HERBERT W. WAGUESPACE, HENRY J. MILLER, ROBERT J. NEW-
MAN and NORVIN T. HARRIS, JR., on August 21, 1939, charging
violation of the mail fraud statutes and two against GEORGE
CALDWELL, on August 14, 1939, for violation of the mail fraud
statutes.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 23 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT #1

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TO: Director
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
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Chief Clerk's Office	

SUPERVISORS

Mr. Deaderick	Mr. McKee
Mr. Joseph	Mr. Newby
Mr. Listerman	Mr. Richmond
Mr. Lott	Mr. Smith
Mr. Lowdon	

Miss Gandy
Mrs. Kelley
Washington Field Office
Stenographic Pool
Secretary
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*These photos pertain
to New Orleans situation
in Huey Long etc.*

62-32509

E. A. TAMM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

In the District Court of the United States in and for the
Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans Division, at the last term
thereof, A. D., 1936.

The Grand Jurors of the United States, duly empanelled, sworn
and charged as the law required, at last adjournment, do hereby return
present and charge:

That one ABRAHAM L. SHENKMAN, one HENRY F. SHENKMAN, and
FRANK J. MILLER, and ROBERT F. SHENKMAN, and one EDWIN F. SHENKMAN, Jr., whose
full names are to your Grand Jurors otherwise unknown, hereinafter called
defendants, in the New Orleans Division of the Eastern District of Louisiana,
and within the jurisdiction of this Court, on or about the 1st day of
January, 1936, the exact date being to your Grand Jurors unknown, and con-
tinuously thereafter until the date of this indictment, having unlawfully,
wilfully, knowingly and fraudulently, at New Orleans, Louisiana, and other
places to your Grand Jurors unknown, devised and intended to devise a scheme
and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of
false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, from the Board
of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, and the taxpayers of
the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana, and divers other persons
to your Grand Jurors unknown, which scheme and artifice to defraud was to
be effected by the use and means of the United States Post Office establish-
ment, in furtherance of said scheme and artifice to defraud, did deposit and
cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter for
mailing and delivery, and knowingly caused to be delivered by mail by the
Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction
thereon, divers and sundry letters, checks, and receipts, which said scheme
and artifice to defraud was in substance as follows:

That the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee
District was and is an agency of the State of Louisiana; that the said
ABRAHAM L. SHENKMAN, defendant herein, was then lately a member of and Presi-

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gent of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District; that the said ROBERT W. HUGHES, defendant herein, was a member of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, and Chairman of its Finance Committee; that the defendants, ROBERT J. HUGHES and HERVIN T. HARRIS, JR., were and are engaged in the investment, bond and negotiation business under the name of HUGHES, HARRIS & COMPANY; that the defendant, ROBERT J. HUGHES, was and is a certified public accountant; that the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District had outstanding its bonds as follows, to-wit:

\$1,000,000 par value of Refunding Bonds dated July 1, 1926;

\$14,000 par value of Improvement Bonds dated July 1, 1926;

\$1,125,000 par value of Refunding Bonds dated November 1, 1927;

\$50,000 par value of Refunding Bonds dated September 1, 1928;

\$2,500,000 par value of 4-3/8% Improvement Bonds dated April 1, 1927;

that the defendants herein would devise and arrange a plan for refunding the said outstanding bonds of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, which plan would be proposed to the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District by the defendants, ROBERT J. HUGHES and HERVIN T. HARRIS, JR., and which plan would include provisions for the payment of certain fees to the said ROBERT J. HUGHES and HERVIN T. HARRIS, JR.; that the defendant, ROBERT J. HUGHES, on behalf of himself and of the other defendants, would appear before the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District at a meeting of said Board, and would present and propose the said plan as being the plan of his firm, HUGHES, HARRIS & COMPANY, and the said ROBERT J. HUGHES would state to the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District that the said plan had been presented to Richard C. Leche, then Governor of the State of Louisiana, and that the said plan had the approval of the said Richard C. Leche; that the defendant, ROBERT W. HUGHES, on behalf of himself and of the other defendants, would corruptly, unduly and illegally urge and influence the members of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District to accept

the said plan and to employ the defendant, ROBERT J. HENSON, and the defendant, MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR., to assist the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District in giving effect to such refunding plan; that the defendant, ABRAHAM L. DUBOIS, then lately the President of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and an associate of some of the other members thereof, on behalf of himself and of the other defendants, would surreptitiously, secretly and immorally use his influence with the said members of the Board and with Richard W. Leche, then Governor of the State of Louisiana, for the purpose of obtaining their approval of the said plan and the employment of the defendant, ROBERT J. HENSON, and the defendant, MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR., as aforesaid; that as a result of the representations, promises and claims made by the defendants herein, the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District would approve the said proposed plan for refunding of the aforesaid then outstanding bond issues of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and would enter into a contract with the defendants, ROBERT J. HENSON and MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR., which contract would provide that as compensation for their services in effecting the said refunding plan, the said ROBERT J. HENSON and the said MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR., would be paid 2 1/2% of the savings to be effected through lowering the interest rates of the said outstanding bonds of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District; that it was a part of said scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendants would unlawfully, corruptly, immorally and illegally influence the action of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and one of its members, the defendant, ROBERT W. BACHMANN, on the said proposed refunding plan by secretly and surreptitiously paying and causing to be paid to the said ROBERT W. BACHMANN, defendant, a certain portion of the fees which the defendants, ROBERT J. HENSON and MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR., would receive from the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District for effecting the said refunding plan, as aforesaid, which payment he, the defendant, ROBERT W. BACHMANN, would conceal from the other members of the said Board;

That it was also a part of the said scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendant, ABRAHAM L. SHUBERT, would receive a substantial portion of the fees to be paid the said defendants, ROBERT J. NEWSON and MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR., by the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District as aforesaid, and that this payment would also be concealed from the members of the said Board;

That it was also a part of the said scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendants would corruptly, secretly and illegally pay and cause to be paid sums of money amounting in the aggregate to \$12,500.00 as a bribe to one Charles Fitts, an employee in the office of the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, who would act as a spy and informer, and who would corruptly and illegally reveal to the defendants confidential information concerning competitors of the said ROBERT J. NEWSON and MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR.; that it was also a part of said scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendants would charge the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District an exorbitant and excessive fee, far beyond the value of any services actually rendered by any of the said defendants; that in calculating the fee alleged to be due the defendants, ROBERT J. NEWSON and MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR., by the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, the said defendants would charge the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District 25% of monies not in fact saved to the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District by virtue of the refunding of its said bonds; that on a saving of approximately \$725,000.00 in interest to the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District the said defendants would render, and cause to be rendered, bills for their services, which bills would aggregate approximately \$400,000.00; that after the payment of bribes to the said Charles Fitts, as aforesaid, and other payments in connection with the said refunding plan, the said defendants herein would divide among themselves the sum of approximately \$390,220.01; that solely for the purpose of effecting the distribution of the said sum of \$390,220.01, the defendants, ABRAHAM L. SHUBERT, HENRY J. MILLER, ROBERT J. NEWSON and MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR., would form a partnership; that of said sum of

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1939, 1940, the defendant, ARTHUR E. WAGNER would receive 25-1/2%, or \$125,740.00; that the defendants, ROBERT J. HARRIS and MERVIN T. HARRIS, JR., would each receive 25%, or \$125,000.00 each, and the defendant, HENRY F. MILLER would receive 18-4/5%, or \$92,370.00; that solely for the purpose of effecting the surreptitious and secret payment to the defendant, HENRY F. MILLER, of his share of the said fund, the defendant, HENRY F. MILLER and the defendant, HENRY E. WAGNER, would form a partnership, and of the said sum of \$125,740.00 received by him, the defendant, HENRY F. MILLER, would pay to the defendant, HENRY E. WAGNER, 25%, or \$31,435.00, and would retain the balance of \$94,305.00; that all of the defendants herein agreed among themselves that they would lend their mutual aid and assistance in securing from the Board of Local Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District its approval of the said refunding plan and of the employment of the defendants, ROBERT J. HARRIS and MERVIN T. HARRIS, JR., for the purpose of effecting said plan and in making a surreptitious distribution of the fees which would be paid by the said Board of Local Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District in connection therewith;

And the Grand Jurors say and present: That the said representations, pretenses and claims were false and fraudulent in this, to-wit: That the said agreement entered into by and between the said Board of Local Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and the defendants, ROBERT J. HARRIS and MERVIN T. HARRIS, JR., for the refunding of the aforesaid bonds of the said Board was fraudulent, fictitious and false for the following reasons, to-wit: that the fees provided therein were exorbitant, excessive and illegal and far beyond the value of any services rendered and to be rendered by any of the said defendants; that the said Board of Local Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District was deprived of the fair, unbiased, impartial and untrammelled judgment of its members in passing upon the merits of said contract by reason of the fact that the defendants herein bribed and caused to be bribed one of the members of the said board, namely, the defendant, HENRY E. WAGNER; that the said defendant, HENRY E. WAGNER, on behalf of himself and on behalf of the other defendants, actively, maliciously, corruptly, unduly and illegally did persuade and influence the other members

of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District to accept the said refunding plan and to employ the defendants, ROBERT J. WHELAN and MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR.; that the defendant, ABRAHAM L. SHUBMAN, on behalf of himself and on behalf of the other defendants herein, actively, consciously, corruptly, unlawfully and fraudulently did persuade and influence the members of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and EDWARD W. LEECH, then Governor of the State of Louisiana, to approve said refunding plan and to effect the employment of the said defendants, ROBERT J. WHELAN and MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR.; that the said refunding plan did not effect the savings to the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District which the defendants represented, pretended and claimed had been effected; that the defendant herein bribed and caused to be bribed an employee of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, namely, one Charles Jitney;

That in calculating the fees to be paid by the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and in billing said Board for said fees the defendants, ROBERT J. WHELAN and MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR., on behalf of themselves and on behalf of the other defendants charged to and received from the said Board sums of savings to be effected in the distant future without discounting said savings and without taking into consideration in any manner the then present value of said savings.

That it was the duty and obligation of the said defendant, HERBERT W. MAGUESACK, as member of the Board and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District to have the outstanding bonds of the said Board refunded on the most reasonable and favorable terms available and possible to the said Board; that contrary to his said duty and obligation and in violation of the trust and confidence placed in him by the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, the said defendant, HERBERT W. MAGUESACK, did cause to be paid to him and did accept monies of the said Board for the purpose of influencing his judgment and action and the judgment and action of the other members of the said Board; that the defendants, ABRAHAM L. SHUBMAN, ROBERT J. WHELAN, ROBERT J. WHELAN and MARVIN T. HARRIS, JR., aided, abetted, encouraged, counseled and assisted the said defendant, HERBERT W. MAGUESACK, in betraying his duty

and obligation to the said Board of Levee Commissioners of the said Orleans Levee District and in violating the trust and confidence placed in him by the said Board, as aforesaid.

That the said Grand Jurors say, present and find: That each and every one of the representations, pretenses and claims made and intended to be made by the said defendants were false and untrue and intended to be false and untrue and at all times mentioned herein were known by the said defendants to be false and untrue, and were made and intended to be made by the said defendants for the purpose and with the intention of obtaining from the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and the Treasurers of the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana sums of money not lawfully due, and converting same to the use and benefit of said defendants.

That they, the said defendants, on or about the 4th day of September, 1937, at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the New Orleans Division of the Eastern District of Louisiana and within the jurisdiction of this Court for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice aforesaid, unlawfully, fraudulently and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain letter and check enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to American National Bank and Trust Co., LaSalle Street at Washington, Chicago, Illinois, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, which letter and check were and are of the tenor following, to-wit:

September 4th, 1937.

American National Bank and Trust Co.,
LaSalle Street at Washington,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

Attention: Mr. Robert Strawn,
Vice-President.

At the request of Newman, Harris and Company, of this city, to pay their letter of the 2nd instant, we are enclosing herewith New York exchange on the Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York City, drawn by the American Bank and Trust Company, of New Orleans, being check No. 27720, dated September 4, 1937, in the amount of \$99,764.33 and payable to the order of American National Bank and Trust Company, of Chicago.

Please credit the proceeds of this check to the account of Newman, Harris and Company of New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

STANLEY
CASH

CHAS. J. DOWNING,
SECRETARY

AMERICAN BANK & TRUST CO. ¹⁴⁻²²
New Orleans

New Orleans SEP 4 1937 12 No. 27720

Pay to the
order of AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST CO. \$45,764.00
CHICAGO, ILL.

Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Four Dollars 00 cents Twenty

AMERICAN BANK & TRUST CO.
L-11 NEW YORK

(Signed) E. Allen, Jr.
President-Ex-officio

Entered by
(Sgt) C. J. Dalton
Record Clerk

that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said letter and check in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendants, ARTHUR L. BROWMAN, HERBERT G. ZACHARY, HENRY J. MILLER, ROBERT J. BROWMAN and MARTIN F. BARNES, JR., then and there well knew that the said letter and check were for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and were for the purpose of defrauding the Board of Local Commissioners of the Orleans Local District and the Taxpayers of the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

COUNT TWO.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge: That the defendants, on or about the 26th day of September, 1937, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and claims, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing

said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly cause to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, a certain registered return receipt addressed to Board of Levee Commissioners, 200 Common, New Orleans, Louisiana, which registered return receipt was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

POST OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT
Official Business
Penalty for Private Use
No. 12455 Chicago, Ill.
Sep 7
4 PM
Insured Parcel 1000
Old P.O. Number and Date of Delivery
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
No Extra Payment on
Postage, (200)
Postmark of Delivering
Office
RETURN TO Board of Levee Com.
Special Mail
or Post Office Box 200 Common
NEW ORLEANS,
Louisiana.

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article,
the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

RECEIVED
SEP 7 1937

(Signature or name of addressee)
(Signed) E. Davis
(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of Delivery, 1937,
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
of Chicago
Form 2511

that at the time of causing to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, the said registered return receipt, the defendants, ARTHUR L. GIBSON, HERBERT W. WAGNER, HENRY J. WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. HENRY and HERVIN W. HARRIS, JR., then and there well knew that the said registered return receipt was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and the taxpayers of the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

JOHN T. HARRIS.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge: that the defendants, on or about the 4th day October, 1937, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, so having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and claims, that is to say, the said scheme and artifice was set forth and conceived in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain letter and check enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to American National Bank & Trust Co., LaCalle Street at Washington, Chicago, Illinois, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, which letter and check were and are of the tenor following, to-wit:

October 4, 1937

American National Bank & Trust Co.
LaCalle Street at Washington,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. Robert Strauss, V.P.

We are enclosing herewith cashier's check of the American Bank & Trust Company of New Orleans drawn on the Chemical Bank & Trust Company of New York in the amount of \$161,032.50, check #20076, payable to the order of the American National Bank & Trust Company of Chicago.

Please consider this your authority to credit proceeds of this check to the account of Newman, Harris & Company, New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

CJD:MF
encls.

CHAS. J. DONNER
SECRETARY

AMERICAN BANK & TRUST CO. 14-60
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Pay to the
Order of AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST CO. \$161,032.50
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National Automobile Club
Record Clerk

that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said letter and check in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendants, ABRAHAM L. SUGARMAN, HERBERT F. ROSENBERG, HENRY F. WILSON, ROBERT F. KUBARK and HARVEY C. MURPHY, JR., then and there well knew that the said letter and check were for the purpose of defrauding the said Bureau and certifies and were for the purpose of defrauding the Board of Labor Commissioners of the Orleans Labor District and the Taxpayers of the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

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And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge: That the defendants, on or about the 15th day of June, 1937, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and claims, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain check enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to The Bond Buyer, 37 Pearl Street, New York, N. Y., to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, which check was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

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A. AND F. LIVES CO. HIS. DOWNS, GLENN LUTER DISTRICT

Upon the Payee Endorsing the Reverse Side of this
Voucher Check

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The UNITED NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ORLEANS will

Pay To The Order Of The Grand Juror \$221,000

THE SUM OF \$221 & 00/100 DOLLARS

BOARD OF LIVER COMMISSIONERS, ORLEANS LIVER DISTRICT

(Signed) John J. Dwyer
Secretary

(Signed) J. A. Tamm
President pro tempore

(Signed) Robert E. Macfarlane
Chairman
Finance Committee

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Date Description Date Issued Amount Due

In New York City, New York
June 4, 1937

Advertising \$5,704.400 Advertising
Sands, Issues of March 1, 1937
January 15, 1937 100.00
Advertising \$1,001.000 Advertising
Issues of May 1st, 1937, March 2,
1937, 100.00

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that at the time of signing and sending to be placed the said check in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendants, ABRAHAM L. GREENMAN, ROBERT E. MACFARLANE, EDWARD F. MILLER, ROBERT J. WISMAN and NORVIN T. HARKER, JR., then and there well knew that the said check was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding the Board of Liver Commissioners of the Orleans Liver District and the Supervisors of the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

COUNT FIVE.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that the defendants, on or about the 15th day of November, 1936, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretences, representations and claims, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme

and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain New Orleans Item Newspaper, dated November 22, 1936, addressed to James McMillen, Librarian, U. S. W., Baton Rouge, La., from The New Orleans Item, New Orleans, Louisiana, which newspaper among other things contained the advertisement of the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, which advertisement was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS

**Bonds Called
BOARD OF LEVEE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT
LOUISIANA**

We holders of "Refunding Bonds" and "Improvement Bonds of 1926 Bonds" issued by the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, situated at New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana;
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all "Refunding Bonds, Issue of 1926" of the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, dated July 1, 1926, numbered from one (1) to one thousand and sixty-seven (1927) both inclusive, bearing interest at the rate of five per centum (5%) per annum, interest semi-annually on the first of January and first of July of each year, and maturing serially on July 1 in the years 1940 to 1970, both inclusive, issued by the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District under authority of its resolution passed at a meeting of said Board on June 20, 1926, are now called for payment in both principal and interest, and shall be redeemed by the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District at par, a premium of three (3%) percent, and accrued interest on January 1, 1937.

These bonds may be released at the office of the Whitney National Bank of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, or at the office of the State Treasurer in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or at The New York Trust Company, New York, N. Y., at the option of the holder.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that \$314,000 bonds of the issue of "Improvement Bonds of 1926 Bonds" of the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, dated July 1, 1926, said \$314,000 bonds being the last bonds of said issue in numerical order of issuance numbered from one hundred eighty-seven (187) to one thousand (1000), both inclusive, bearing interest at the rate of five (5%) per centum per annum, interest payable semi-annually on the first of January and first of July of each year, and maturing serially on July 1 in the years 1944 to 1966 both inclusive, issued by the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District under authority of its resolution passed at a meeting of the Board on June 16, 1926, are now called for payment in both principal and interest, and shall be redeemed by the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District at par, a premium of five (5%) per cent, and accrued interest on January 1, 1937.

These bonds may be redeemed at the office of the Whitney National Bank of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, or at the office of the State Treasurer, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the option of the holder.

Holders of the aforesaid bonds are further notified that if said bonds are not presented for redemption on or before January 1, 1908, interest shall cease to run from and after said date.

This notice is given in accordance with Resolution of adoption passed by the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District at the meeting held on December 27, 1904.

Wm. J. Dwyer, Secretary
Board of Levee Commissioners of the
Orleans Levee District.

J. L. Thomas, President Pro-Tem
New Orleans, La., December 28, 1904.
Rev. Mr. Dwyer, Dec. 28, 1904.

that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said newspaper in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendants, ABRAHAM L. SWEETMAN, GEORGE W. MAGDOENACK, HENRY J. KILPATRICK, ROBERT J. KILPATRICK and HARVEY T. KILPATRICK, JR., then and there well knew that the said newspaper was for the purpose of questioning the said orders and articles and was for the purpose of defrauding the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and the Taxpayers of the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

In the District Court of the United States in and for the
Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans Division, at the New Orleans
A. D. 1960.

The Grand Jurors of the United States duly organized, sworn
and charged as the Grand Jurors, according to the oath administered by the Court
whereof, at their office present and sitting.

That one GEORGE CALDWELL, whose full name is to your Grand
Jurors otherwise unknown, hereinafter called the defendant, in the New Orleans
Division of the Eastern District of Louisiana, and within the jurisdiction
of this Court on or about the last day of January, 1960, the exact date being
unknown to your Grand Jurors and continuously thereafter until the date of
this indictment, having unlawfully, wilfully, knowingly and fraudulently at
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, and other places to your
Grand Jurors unknown, devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice
to defraud and for obtaining money and property by means of false and fraudulent
pretenses, representations and promises from Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the University
of the State of Louisiana, and direct other persons to your Grand Jurors unknown,
which scheme and artifice to defraud was to be effected by the use and misuse
of the United States Post Office establishment, in furtherance of said scheme
and artifice to defraud did deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized
depository for mail matter for mailing and delivery and knowingly caused to be
delivered by mail and by the Post Office establishment of the United States
according to the direction therein through and sundry letters and checks, which
said scheme and artifice to defraud was in substance as follows:

That the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
Mechanical College was engaged in an extensive program of building con-
struction on its campus at Baton Rouge, Louisiana; that the defendant,
GEORGE CALDWELL, was employed by the said Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College as Superintendent of Construction in
charge of said building construction program; that as Superintendent of
Construction, the said GEORGE CALDWELL was entrusted with or assumed the
duty of obtaining from and receiving from contractors, subcontractors

and material & labor bills on various work to be done and materials to be furnished in connection with the said building construction program that the said defendant by letter and verbally would invite and request contractors, subcontractors, and material dealers to furnish prices and make bids on various work to be done and materials to be furnished in connection with said building construction program that when said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers would call on the said defendant at his office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the purpose of submitting such prices and bids, the said defendant, after consulting with himself and him, would instruct said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers to add certain amounts to their prices and bids, which amounts the said defendant would advise and instruct the said contractors, subcontractors, and material dealers were to be paid over to him, the said defendant, when the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers were paid by the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; that when the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers were paid by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for work done or material furnished by them in connection with the said building construction program, the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers would pay to the said defendant and the said defendant would receive from the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers, the amounts which he, the defendant, had instructed them to add to their bids and prices.

That one Clifford A. King of New Orleans, Louisiana, was and is engaged in the building specialties business, that is to say, he was and is in the business of furnishing and installing marble, stone, slate, terra brick, glazed brick and tile and other building materials; that the said Clifford A. King submitted to the defendant, GEORGE S. GILBERT, in his official capacity as Superintendent of Construction for Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, a bid to furnish and install certain material, to-wit, marble and alabaster stone in connection with the construction of what is known as the Arts and Science Building; that the said defendant then instructed the said Clifford A. King to prepare a second bid and to add to the amount of the said original bid the amount of \$5,000, and to pay over or "kick back" to him, the said defendant, this additional amount of \$5,000

to which, that in compliance with the instructions of the said defendant the said Clifford A. King thereupon prepared a second bid, which instructed the defendant to the amount provided for in the original bid the amount of \$1,000, which sum of \$1,000 was paid by the said Clifford A. King to the defendant; that the said Clifford A. King also submitted to the said defendant bids for furnishing and installing marble, slate, tile, granite and other materials in connection with the construction of the outside station and Agriculture Extension Building of buildings known as follows, to-wit: Field House, Physics Building, Agriculture Extension Building, Physics and Mathematics Building, Agriculture Extension Building, Food Office and South Addition to the Field House; that in each of these instances the said Clifford A. King, before submitting his bid to the said defendant would ascertain from the said defendant the amount which the said defendant would require to be added to the respective bids for material to be, the said defendant, as was is commonly called "kick-backing" that on the bid for furnishing and installing marble in connection with the construction of the Field House, the said Clifford A. King was instructed by the said defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, to add the sum of \$1,000 and that the said Clifford A. King did add the sum of \$1,000 to the amount of said bid which said sum of \$1,000 was paid by the said Clifford A. King to the said defendant; that on the bid of the said Clifford A. King for furnishing and installing slate in connection with the construction of the outside station, the said Clifford A. King was instructed by the said defendant to add the sum of \$1,500 to the amount of the said bid, which said sum he paid to the said defendant; that on the bid of the said Clifford A. King for furnishing and installing marble and floor tile in connection with the construction of the Agriculture Extension Building, the said Clifford A. King was instructed by the said defendant to add the sum of \$1,000 to the amount of said bid and that the said Clifford A. King did add the sum of \$1,000 to the said bid, which said sum he paid to the said defendant; that on the bid of the said Clifford A. King for furnishing and installing marble and blackboards in connection with the construction of the Physics and Mathematics Building, the said Clifford A. King was instructed by the said defendant to add the sum of \$1,500 to the amount of said bid and that the said Clifford A. King did add the sum of \$1,500 to the said bid, which said sum he paid to the said defendant; that on the bid of the said Clifford A. King for furnishing and installing granite, marble, slate and other materials in connection with the construction of the

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Construction of the Agriculture Center Building, the said Clifford A. King was instructed by the said defendant to add the sum of \$5,000 to the amount of said bid and that the said Clifford A. King did add the sum of \$5,000 to the said bid, which was to be paid to the said defendant; that on the bid of the said Clifford A. King for furnishing and installing masonry in connection with the construction of the Post Office and South Addition

to the Field House, the said Clifford A. King was instructed by the said defendant to add the sum of \$1,000 to the amount of said bid and that the said Clifford A. King did add the sum of \$1,000 to said bid, which was to be paid to the said defendant; that the said Clifford A. King in submitting the aforesaid bids would first prepare said bids in rough draft form; that he would then present the respective bids to the said defendant in said rough draft form for the reason that the said Clifford A. King would not then know the amount which the said defendant would require to be added for payment to him, the said defendant, as aforesaid; that in each instance after receiving the said rough draft form of bid, the said defendant would instruct the said Clifford A. King as to the amount in which the said bid was to be increased as aforesaid, and the said Clifford A. King would then increase the bid accordingly and submit to said defendant in formal manner; that upon receipt of these formal bids by the defendant, he, the defendant, would approve them, thereby falsely and fraudulently certifying, representing and pretending that the said bids were correct and proper and that the entire amount of each of said bids would be payable by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to the said Clifford A. King upon the compliance by the said Clifford A. King with the terms of the bid, that is to say, upon the delivery of the material and the doing of the work required to be delivered or done under the bid; that the said defendant by virtue of his said false representations and pretenses would cause the Purchasing Department of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to also approve the said bids and to issue a formal order or requisition covering each of said bids; that when payment was due to the said Clifford A. King by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College

for furnishing materials and installing materials in accordance with the
aforesaid bids, the said Clifford A. King would prepare bills and statements
covering the amounts so falsely represented, pretended and claimed to be
lawfully due on said bills, which he would convey and cause to be conveyed
to the said defendant; that the said defendant would falsely and fraudulently
approve, certify, represent, pretend and claim as being due the said Clifford
A. King the full amounts of said bills and statements and send them to the
office of the Auditor of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
Mechanical College for the issuance of checks in payment thereof; that relying
upon the said fraudulent approval, certification, representation, pretense
and claim of the said defendant, the said Auditor or other appropriate officer
of said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College
would cause to be issued checks in payment of said bills and statements,
which checks would be drawn against the account of the said Louisiana State
University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in a certain State bank;
that the said Clifford A. King would deposit said checks to the credit of
his account in the American Bank & Trust Company at New Orleans, Louisiana;
that the said defendant would instruct the said Clifford A. King to pay the
amounts which had been added to the original bills and bills at the instruction
of said defendant as aforesaid in cash to him, the said defendant, said amounts
being the differences between the amounts of the original bills and the amounts
of the bills as increased in accordance with the defendant's instructions; that
the said Clifford A. King would draw checks, payable to cash, against his
account in the American Bank & Trust Company, New Orleans, for which checks
he would obtain cash, which cash, he, the said Clifford A. King, would
personally convey and pay to the said defendant at his office at the Louisiana
State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; that the checks of
Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College which said
Clifford A. King deposited in the American Bank & Trust Company in New Orleans
as aforesaid, would be transmitted by the said American Bank and Trust
Company in New Orleans in accordance with its usual custom to the Federal
Reserve Bank at New Orleans, Louisiana, which, in turn, in order to effect
payment of said checks, would transmit the said checks to the City National

Bank in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by depositing same in an authorized depository for mail matter to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States.

That the Grand Jurors say and present that said representations, pretenses and claims were false and fraudulent in this, to-wit: that the said bids of the said Clifford A. King, which the said defendant approved for acceptance and represented and pretended were correct and proper, were in fact fictitious, false and fraudulent for the reason that the said defendant had caused the said Clifford A. King to add to the amount of said bids sum of money, which, he, the said defendant, well knew were not due and payable by the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; that the said defendant well knew that the bids of the said Clifford A. King which he, the said defendant, had approved for acceptance and represented and pretended were correct and proper were in fact fictitious, false and fraudulent for the reason that he, the said defendant, well knew that he had caused the said Clifford A. King to add to the amounts of said bids sum of money which he, the said defendant, well knew were not due and payable by the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; that the said defendant well knew that as a result of his approval, representations, pretenses and claims, the said Purchasing Department of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College would issue regulations authorizing the said Clifford A. King to proceed with the furnishing of materials and doing of work covered by the said fraudulent and false bids; that as the said defendant well knew, the bids and statements of the said Clifford A. King were fraudulent and false for the reason that they included amounts of money which, he, the said defendant, had caused the said Clifford A. King to add to the amounts of his bids as aforesaid; that, as the said defendant well knew, the sum of money added by the said Clifford A. King to his said bids, bills and statements as aforesaid, were added solely for the purpose of enabling the said Clifford A. King and the said defendant to fraudulently and falsely obtain sums of money from the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, which were not lawfully and legally due to the said Clifford A. King and the said defendant, but which sums of money would be paid by the said Clifford A. King to the said defendant as what is commonly known as "kick-backs" and "gratuity"; that

For each sum of money so unlawfully and illegally obtained from the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College by the said Clifford A. King and the said defendant and in turn paid by the said Clifford A. King to the defendant herein, the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College would not and did not receive anything of value.

And the said Grand Jurors say, present and find: that each and every one of the pretenses, representations and stated acts and intended to be made by the said defendant were false and untrue and intended to be false and untrue and all things additional herein were known by said defendant to be false and untrue and were made and intended to be made by the said defendant for the purpose and with the intention of obtaining from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the State of Louisiana the sum of \$11,500 not lawfully due, and converting the same to the use and benefit of said defendant.

That he, the said defendant, on or about the 11th day of September, 1934, at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the New Orleans Division of the Eastern District of Louisiana and within the jurisdiction of this Court for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice aforesaid, unlawfully, fraudulently and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to Mr. George Caldwell, Superintendent of Construction, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, which letter was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

September 11, 1934

Mr. George Caldwell
Supt. of Construction
La. State University
Baton Rouge, La.

Re: Agricultural Building

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 10th regarding the marble work on the stove mentioned job. It is going to be impossible for us to get shipment of the basement portion of this job ready in time to complete same by September 15th. However, I am today wiring Gray Knox Marble Company requesting them to give us the earliest shipping date possible on this portion of the marble

and I will advise you definitely when I can complete
installation in the basement when I receive their
answer.

Yours very truly,

CLIFFORD A. KING

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that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said letter in
an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid,
the defendant then and there knew that the said letter was for the purpose
of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of
defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
College, the State of Louisiana and the taxpayers of the State of Louisiana
in the sum of the statute in such state made and provided and
against the peace and dignity of the United States.

CLIFFORD A. KING

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid,
do further present and charge: That the defendant, on or about the 10th
day of September, 1936, in said division and in said district and within
the jurisdiction of this Court, so having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudu-
lently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and
property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and
promises, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth
and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concern-
ing which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto
in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose
of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously
did knowingly cause to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment
of the United States, according to the direction thereon, a certain letter
enclosed in a postpaid envelope, addressed to Mr. Clifford King, Jr., 404
Esplanade Temple Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, which letter was and is
of the tenor following, to-wit:

September 12, 1936

Mr. Clifford King Jr.
404 Esplanade Temple Bldg.
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. King:

Dear Mr. King:

As we will try to complete the basement of the

Agricultural Extension Building by September 31,
for the opening of school, we would like for you
to make all possible effort that you can to get
out the notice, for the termant, only, at once.

Please let us know by return mail when you can
have this material on the job, and in place, so
that we might make a report to Mr. Smith on this
item.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell
Supt. Construction
L. S. S.

That at the time of sending to be delivered by mail by the Post Office
establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon,
the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well
knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said
scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State
University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana
and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the
statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity
of the United States.

COUNT THREE.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do
further present and charge: that the defendant, on or about the 15th day
of September, 1936, in said division and in said district and within the
jurisdiction of this Court, so having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently
devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property
by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises,
that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described
in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which,
in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count
as fully as if they were here related; and, for the purpose of executing
said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly
cause to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United
States, according to the direction thereon, a certain letter enclosed in a

postpaid envelope, addressed to Mr. Clifford King, 404 Throuble
Temple Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, which letter was and is of the
tenor following, to-wit:

September 12, 1936

Mr. Clifford King
404 Throuble Temple Bldg.
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: Agri. Ext. Bldg.

Dear Mr. King:

Enclosed find sketch of dimensions in man's letters
on the first floor of Agricultural Extension Building.

These include details only of 2nd floor, which is not
according to the general plans, therefore please con-
sider this at once, according to the sketch we are
giving you.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell,
Capt. Construction
L.S.U.

cc: Mr.
Mr. L.

That at the time of causing to be delivered by mail by the Post Office
establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon,
the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well
knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said
scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State
University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana
and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the
statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity
of the United States.

COUNT FOUR,

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do
further present and charge: that the defendant, on or about the 24th
day of March, 1937, in said division and in said district, and within the
jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently

devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are interpreted by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, willfully and feloniously did knowingly cause to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope, addressed to Mr. Clifford King, Jr., 404 Macanis Temple Ridge, New Orleans, Louisiana, which letter was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

March 22, 1937

Mr. Clifford King, Jr.
404 Macanis Temple Ridge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: Physics & Math. Ridge.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find sketch of detail showing measurements that you will check against your plan. We find that you have made a mistake.

Therefore, please follow these dimensions:

Yours very truly,

(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell
Capt. Construction
L.S.C.

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that at the time of causing to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

Mr. Clifford King, JR.
901 Monroe Temple Bldg.
New Orleans, Louisiana

THE UNIVERSITY CENTER

It would like for you to give an explanation as to why this granite has not been shipped and what you are going to do about same.

This job has to be completed by October 1st.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell
Capt. Construction
Labell*

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that at the time of causing to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said estate and

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artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

FOURTH SIX.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that the defendant, on or about the 4th day of August, 1937, in said division and in said district, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain check enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, the face and reverse of which check were and are of the tenor following, to-wit:

"LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A. & M. COLLEGE No. 506

RE

Baton Rouge, La., Aug 3 1937 193__

Pay to the
Order of - - - - - Clifford A. King - - - - - \$7708.00

- - - - - L.S.U. & A. & M. College \$7708 and 00/100 - - - - - DOLLARS

TO

CITY NATIONAL BANK
Baton Rouge, La.

Louisiana State University and A.M.Col.

(Signed) C. G. Johnson
Auditor

This voucher-check, when properly endorsed, becomes receipt in full for items listed. Alterations and erasures render null and void; return if not correct.

RECEIVED

(Signed) Clifford A. King

Pay Deposit Only
C. A. King JR.

Pay to the order of
Any Bank, Banker, or Trust Co.
All prior endorsements guaranteed

APR 8 1937

American Bank & Trust Co.
14-16 New Orleans, La. 14-16

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
ANY BANK, BANKER OR TRUST CO
Prior Endorsements Guaranteed

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New Orleans Branch

14-16 New Orleans, La. 14-16

That at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said check in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant then and there well knew that the said check was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

COUNT SEVEN

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that the defendant, on or about the 14th day of August, 1937, in said division and in said district, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, so having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain check enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, the face and reverse of which check were and are of the tenor following, to-wit:

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A. & M. COLLEGE

NO. 101

Pay to the Order of \$2,000.00

Pay to the Order of \$2,000.00
L.S.U. & A. & M. College and City \$2,000.00

CITY NATIONAL BANK
Baton Rouge, La.

Louisiana State University and A. & M. College

(Signed) C. S. Johnson
Cashier

This check is valid only when properly endorsed, and is subject to the full pay terms herein. Alterations and erasures render null and void; return if not correct.

CLIFFORD A. KING, JR.
Building Specialties
Economic Temple
New Orleans

Pay Deposit Only
C. A. King Jr.

Pay to the Order of
Any Bank, Banker, or Trust Co.
All prior endorsements guaranteed

NO 13 1937
American Bank & Trust Co.
14-60 New Orleans, La. 14-60

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
ANY BANK, BANKER OR TRUST CO.
Prior Endorsements Guaranteed
NO 14 1937
New Orleans Branch
FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK OF ATLANTA
14-61 New Orleans, La. 14-61

that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said check in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant then and there well knew that the said check was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

Verdict

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge: that the defendant, on or about the 15th day of December, 1937, in said division and in said district, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, so having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of

false and fraudulent statements, representations and promises, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain check enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, the face and tenor of which check were and are of the tenor following, to-wit:

TO: **DR. KING**
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A. & M. COLLEGE
 Baton Rouge, La., Dec 14 1958 100
 Pay to the
 Order of - - - - - Clifford A. King - - - - - \$7,500.00
 - - - - - L.S.U. & A. & M. College \$7500 and 00 cts - - - DOLLARS

TO: **CITY NATIONAL BANK**
 Baton Rouge, La.
 Louisiana State University and A. & M. College
 (Signed) C. G. Johnson
 Auditor

This voucher-check, when properly endorsed, becomes receipt in full for items listed. Alterations and erasures render null and void; return if not correct.

ENDORSEMENT

Clifford A. King
 For Deposit Only
 C.A. King JR.

Pay to the Order of
 Any Bank, Banker, or Trust Co.
 All prior endorsements guaranteed
 DEC 16 1958
 AMERICAN BANK & TRUST CO
 14-60 New Orleans, La. 14-60

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
 ANY BANK, BANKER OR TRUST CO
 Prior Endorsements Guaranteed
 DEC 16 1958
 New Orleans Branch
 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA
 14-21 New Orleans, La. 14-21

that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said check in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant then and there well knew that the said check was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding

Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College,
the State of Louisiana and the University of the State of Louisiana;
contrary to the form of the statute in each case made and provided
and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

(Signed) C. John Brown
MINISTER ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES

(Signed) John A. Tamm
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

(Signed) Robert H. Jackson
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

A YOUR BILL
NEW ORLEANS, LA., August 14, 1900
(Signed) Eben Barile Sr.
Forwards

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

In the District Court of the United States in and for the Eastern
District of Louisiana, New Orleans Division, at the City Term thereof, A.D., 1938.

The Grand Jurors of the United States duly organized, sworn and
charged at New Orleans, Louisiana, at the term aforesaid, of the Court aforesaid,
in their public session and chamber

That one GEORGE CALDWELL, whose full name is of said Grand Jurors
wherein unknown, hereinafter called the defendant, in the New Orleans Division
of the Eastern District of Louisiana and within the jurisdiction of this Court,
on or about the 1st day of January, 1938, the exact date being unknown to your
Grand Jurors, and continuously thereafter until the date of this indictment,
having unlawfully, wilfully, knowingly and fraudulently at Baton Rouge, Louisiana
and New Orleans, Louisiana, and other places to your Grand Jurors unknown,
devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and for obtain-
ing money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representa-
tions and promises, from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
College, the State of Louisiana, and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana,
and others other persons to your Grand Jurors unknown, which scheme and artifice
to defraud was to be effected by the use and misuse of the United States Post
Office Establishment, in furtherance of said scheme and artifice to defraud did
deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter
for mailing and delivery, and knowingly caused to be delivered by mail by the
Post Office Establishment of the United States according to the direction there-
on, divers and sundry letters and checks, which said scheme and artifice to de-
fraud was in substance as follows:

The said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
College was carrying on an extensive program of building construction on its
campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; that the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, was em-
ployed by the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College
as Superintendent of Construction in charge of the said building construction
program; that as Superintendent of Construction the said GEORGE CALDWELL was
entrusted with and assumed the duty of obtaining from and receiving from con-
tractors, subcontractors and material dealers, bids on various work to be done

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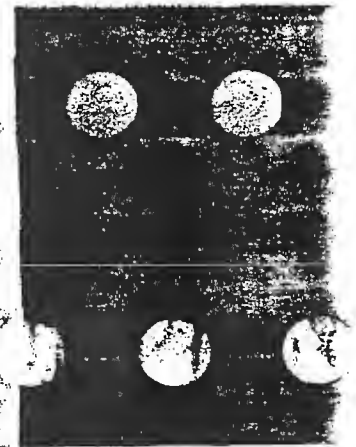
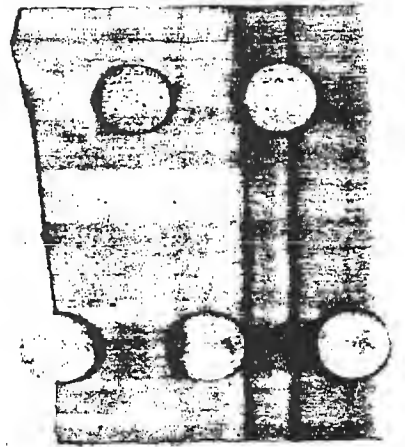
and materials to be furnished in connection with the said building construction program; that the said defendant, by letter and verbally, would invite contractors, subcontractors and material dealers to furnish prices and make bids on various work to be done and materials to be furnished in connection with said building construction program; that when said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers would call on the said defendant at his office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the purpose of submitting such prices and bids, said defendant, after receiving said prices and bids, would instruct said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers to add certain amounts to their prices and bids, which amounts the said defendant would advise and instruct the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers were to be paid over to him, the said defendant, when the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers were paid by the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; that when the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers were paid by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for work done or material furnished by them in connection with the said building construction program, the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers would pay to the said defendant and the said defendant would receive from the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers the amounts which he, the defendant, had instructed them to add to their bids and prices;

That the said defendant would advise said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers that he, the said defendant, would furnish certain of the materials required by the contractors, subcontractors and material dealers in connection with work to be done and material to be furnished in compliance with their bids, and that they, the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers, should in payment thereof pay to him, the said defendant, certain sums of money in cash; that he, the said defendant, would furnish the said materials to the said contractors, subcontractors and material dealers by embezzling, stealing, taking and carrying away materials, the property of the Louisiana State University and the Works Progress Administration of the United States; that one A. J. Gelfry of New Orleans, Louisiana, under the trade name of A. J. Gelfry Art Terrazzo Company, was and is engaged in the business of installing terrazzo floors, vestibules, wainscoting and stairs, and in furnishing the materials necessary to do such work; that the said A. J. Gelfry submitted to the defendant GEORGE CALDWELL, in his official capacity as Superintendent of Construction for Louisiana State University and

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Agreement with the defendant, a bid to install certain fixtures with
in connection with the construction of what is known as the
and to furnish materials necessary to carry out such work that the said de-
fendant then instructed the said A. J. Colby to prepare a second bid and to
add to the amount of the bid original bid the sum of \$1,000 and to pay over to
a "kick back" to him, the said defendant, this additional sum of \$1,000 and
stated that in accordance with the instructions of the said defendant the said
A. J. Colby thereupon prepared a second bid which included, in addition to the
amount included in the original bid, the sum of \$1,000, which was of
\$1,000 was paid to the said A. J. Colby in the said defendant's name that the
said defendant instructed the said A. J. Colby that he, the said defendant, would
forward the said A. J. Colby with said sum and amount requested by the said A. J. Col-
by in carrying out the work covered by his bid, and that the said A. J. Col-
by should pay him, the said defendant, the sum of \$1,000 in payment of said
sum and amount that the said defendant furnished the said A. J. Colby with
bond and amount which was the property of Louisiana State University and Agricul-
ture and Mechanical College and the United States Department of the United
States, which bond and amount the said GEORGE CALDWELL, defendant herein, endorsed,
stole, took and carried away from the said Louisiana State University and Agricul-
ture and Mechanical College and the United States Department of the United
States; that the said bond and amount was valued at \$1,000 and the said GEORGE
CALDWELL compelled and required the said A. J. Colby to pay him the sum of \$1,000
in cash in payment thereof, as evidenced

That the said A. J. Colby also admitted to the said defendant, GEORGE
CALDWELL, that for installing various work and for furnishing materials necessary in
erecting and such work in connection with the construction of what is known as the
Stock Exchange Building and the Bond Office and South Addition to the Field House;
that in each of these instances the said A. J. Colby, before submitting his bid to
the said defendant, would associate with the said defendant the amounts which the
said defendant would require to be added to the respective bids for payment to him,
the said defendant of what is commonly called "kick backs"; that on the bid for in-
stalling various work and furnishing materials necessary in connection
with the construction of the Stock Exchange Building, the said A. J. Colby was
instructed by the said defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, to add the sum of \$1,000.00
and that the said A. J. Colby did add the sum of \$1,000.00 to the amount of
said bid, which sum of \$1,000.00 was paid in cash by the said A. J. Colby



to the said defendant; that the said defendant furnished to the said A. J. Gelfry for use in connection with the installation of terrazzo work in the said Stock Exhibit Building under his said bid, materials having a value of approximately \$200.00, which materials were the property of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Works Progress Administration of the United States of America, and which materials the said defendantembezzled, stole, took and carried away from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and Works Progress Administration of the United States; that in payment for said materials the said A. J. Gelfry paid to the said defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, the sum of approximately \$200.00 in cash; that the said defendant furnished to the said A. J. Gelfry for use in connection with the installation of terrazzo work in the said Post Office and North Addition to the Field House under his said bid, materials having a value of approximately \$200.00, which materials were the property of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Works Progress Administration of the United States of America, and which materials the said defendantembezzled, stole, took and carried away from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and Works Progress Administration of the United States of America; that in payment for said materials the said A. J. Gelfry paid to the said defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, the sum of approximately \$200.00 in cash.

That the said A. J. Gelfry, in submitting the aforesaid bids, would first prepare said bids in rough draft form; that he would then present the bids to the said defendant in said rough draft form for the reason that the said A. J. Gelfry would not then know the amount which the said defendant would require to be added for payment to him, the said defendant, as aforesaid; that in each instance, after receiving the said rough draft form of bid the said defendant would instruct the said A. J. Gelfry as to the amount in which the said bid was to be increased, as aforesaid; the said A. J. Gelfry would then increase the bid accordingly and submit it to said defendant in formal manner; Upon receipt of these formal bids by the defendant, he, the defendant, would approve them, thereby falsely and fraudulently certifying, representing and pretending that the said bids were correct and proper and that the entire amount of each of said bids would be payable by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to the said A. J. Gelfry upon the compliance by the said A. J. Gelfry with the terms of the bid, that is to say,

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upon the delivery of the materials and doing of the work required to be delivered or done under the bid; that the said defendant, by virtue of his said false representations and pretenses would cause the purchasing department of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to also approve the said bids and to issue a formal order of requisition covering each of said bids; that when payment was due to the said A. J. Gelfry by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for furnishing materials and installing materials in accordance with the aforesaid bids, the said A. J. Gelfry would prepare bills and statements covering the amounts so falsely represented, pretended and claimed to be lawfully due on said bids which he would deliver and cause to be conveyed to the said defendant; that the said defendant would falsely and fraudulently approve, certify, represent, pretend and claim as being due the said A. J. Gelfry the full amounts of said bills and statements and send them to the office of the Auditor of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for issuance of checks in payment thereof; that relying upon the said fraudulent approval, certifications, representations, pretenses and claims of the said defendant, the said auditor or other appropriate officer of said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College would cause to be issued checks in payment of said bills and statements, which checks would be drawn against the account of the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana;

That the said defendant would instruct the said A. J. Gelfry to pay the amounts which had been added to the original bids and bills at the instruction of the said defendant and the amounts which the defendant claimed were due him for materials delivered by him to the said A. J. Gelfry, as aforesaid, in cash to him, the said defendant; that the said GEORGE CALDWELL would endorse one of the said checks for the purpose of enabling the said A. J. Gelfry to cash the said check at the City National Bank in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the said defendant would accompany the said A. J. Gelfry to the bank where he would wait outside while the said A. J. Gelfry would enter the bank and obtain the money on the said check, after which the said A. J. Gelfry would pay in cash to the said defendant the sum of \$2,000; that the defendant would write a note to an officer of the City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, known to your Grand Jurors only by the name of "Louis", introducing the said A. J. Gelfry

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to the said officer and stating that it was satisfactory to each one of the said checks of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College as aforesaid for the said A. J. Gelfry; that the said officer of the said bank would cash the said check and that thereafter the said A. J. Gelfry would pay to the said defendant, in cash, the sum of \$1,000; that the other aforesaid checks of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College would be deposited by the said A. J. Gelfry to the credit of his account in the Whitney National Bank at New Orleans, Louisiana; that the said A. J. Gelfry would draw checks against his account in the said Whitney National Bank at New Orleans for which checks he would obtain cash, which cash he, the said A. J. Gelfry, would personally convey and pay to the said defendant at his office at the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, which cash would be in payment of amounts added to the original bids and bills at the instruction of the said defendant, and in payment of materials which the said defendant had delivered to the said A. J. Gelfry as aforesaid; that the checks of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College which said A. J. Gelfry deposited in the Whitney National Bank at New Orleans, as aforesaid, would be transmitted by the said Whitney National Bank at New Orleans, in accordance with its usual custom, to the Federal Reserve Bank at New Orleans, Louisiana, which in turn, in order to effect payment of said checks, would transmit the said checks to the City National Bank at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by depositing same in an authorized depository for mail matter to be sent and delivered by the Post Office Establishment of the United States;

And the Grand Jurors say and present that said representations, promises and claims were false in this to wit: The said bids of the said A. J. Gelfry which the said defendant approved for acceptance and pretended were correct and proper were in fact fictitious, false and fraudulent for the reason that the said defendant had caused the said A. J. Gelfry to add to the amounts of said bids sums of money which he, the said defendant, well knew were not due and payable by the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; that the said defendant well knew that the bids of the said A. J. Gelfry which he, the said defendant, had approved for acceptance and represented were correct and proper, were in fact fictitious, false and fraudulent for the reason that he, the said defendant, well knew that he had caused the said A. J. Gelfry to add to the amounts of said bids sums of money which he, the said

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defendant, will have been set out and payable by the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the said defendant will know that as a result of his approval, certification, representation, pretenses and claims the said Purchasing Department of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College would issue requisitions authorizing the said A. J. Gelfry to proceed with the furnishing of materials and doing of work ordered by the said fraudulent and false bills that as the said defendant will know, the bills and statements of the said A. J. Gelfry were false and fraudulent for the reason that they included amounts of money which he, the said defendant, had caused the said A. J. Gelfry to add to the amounts of his bills, he representing that the said bills, bids and statements, as the said defendant will know, were false and fraudulent in that they included sums of money for materials which were embezzled, stolen, taken and carried away by the said defendant from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the War Relocation Administration of the United States of America, and that thereby the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College was purchasing and paying for materials which already belonged to it; that as the said defendant will know, the sums of money added by the said A. J. Gelfry to his said bills, bids and statements, as aforesaid, were added solely for the purpose of enabling the said A. J. Gelfry and the said defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, to fraudulently and falsely obtain sums of money from the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College which were not legally and lawfully due to the said A. J. Gelfry and the said defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, but which sums of money would be paid by the said A. J. Gelfry to the said defendant as what is commonly known as "kick backs" and graft; and for which said sums of money so unlawfully and illegally obtained from the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College by the said A. J. Gelfry and the said defendant, and in turn paid by the said A. J. Gelfry to the defendant herein, the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College would not and did not receive anything of value;

And the said Grand Jurors says, present and find: that each and every one of the pretenses, representations and claims made and intended to be made by the said defendant were false and untrue and intended to be false and untrue and at all times mentioned herein were known by the said defendant to be false and untrue and were made and intended to be made by the said defendant for the purpose and with the intention of obtaining from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and

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Mechanical College and the State of Louisiana the sum of \$1,041.00 not lawfully due, and converting the same to the use and benefit of said defendant.

That he, the said defendant, on or about the 15th of August, 1937, at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the New Orleans Division of the Eastern District of Louisiana and within the jurisdiction of this Court, for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice aforesaid, unlawfully, fraudulently and falciously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to George Caldwell, Superintendent of Construction, L. S. U. Buildings, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, which letter was and is of the following tenor, to-wit:

A. J. GILFILL AND THURGOOD COMPANY
Terrazzo Floor, Fortification,
Rainspitting and Slating
418 Julia Street
New Orleans, La.

August 17, 1937

George Caldwell,
Supr. of Construction,
L.S.U. Bldgs.,
Baton Rouge, La.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of August 19th.

We wish to advise that we have placed orders for materials to be shipped immediately for the Agricultural Building and the Strawberry Stadium job, with the exception of the marble chips, as we don't want same to be exposed to the weather more than one week, in order not to rot same.

Will you kindly advise us the approximate dates these jobs will be ready for our work.

Thanking you, we are

Yours very truly,

A. J. GILFILL AND THURGOOD COMPANY

By (Signed) A. J. Gilfill

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that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said letter in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant then and there knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

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And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that the defendant, on or about the 15th day of August, 1937, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to wit, the said scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations contained therein, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully and fraudulently did knowingly cause to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to A. F. Gelfry Art Terrace Company, 615 Julia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, which letter was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

"August 12, 1937

A. F. Gelfry Art Terrace Company
615 Julia Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

The Agricultural Center

Gentlemen:

At a conference with the governor on August 11, the completion date of the Agricultural Center is set for November 15. Therefore, we must insist that you deliver all your material in connection with this job as soon as possible.

Please let us know by return mail when we may expect to receive material on this job so that we might complete same on time.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell
Supt. Construction
La. State University

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that at the time of causing to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

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EXHIBIT 1000

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that the defendant, on or about the 14th day of April, 1937, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference hereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly cause to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to Mr. A. J. Gairy, 615 Julia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, which letter was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

"April 14, 1937

Mr. A. J. Gairy
615 Julia Street
New Orleans, La.

Re: Agricultural Center

Dear Sir:

We have just been notified by Mr. Kellie that plans will be sent to you at once. Please submit prices on material that you are figuring on this job to Mr. E.H. Jackson as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell
Supt. Construction
L.S.U.

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that at the time of causing to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

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College, the State of Louisiana and the Insurgents of the State of Louisiana;
purpose of forwarding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and article and was for the
the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter
ment of the United States, according to the direction therein, the said letter,
that at the time of causing to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establish-

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George Caldwell
George Caldwell

Your very truly,

are pushing your starting date up two (2) weeks.
The job on that date as far as possible can be as
make arrangements to have your man and material here as
to start the business work, Monday, October 17th. Please
on the Field House (Recreation), we will be ready for you
in account of the speed we have been able to make

Continued:-

THE FIELD OFFICE

A. F. COLLEY Art Services Co.
415 Julia Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

October 12, 1935
University, Inc.
Agricultural and Mechanical College
Louisiana State University

which letter was sent in of the same following, to-wit:

to A. F. COLLEY Art Services Co., 415 Julia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana,
Attention: Theodor, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed
mail by the Post Office with the address of the United States, according to the
intentionally, illegally and unlawfully the property same to be delivered by
have reported and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and article,
are represented by reference thereto in this letter as if they were
of this institution, and the institution representing them, in said letter would
the same scheme and article that is the same and executed in the first place
also and fraudulent scheme, representing them and executed, that is to say
a scheme and article to be carried out in certain money and property by means of
elation of this event, so having unlawfully, illegally and fraudulently covered
October, 1935, in said division and in said letter and within the same
further stated that the defendant as we stated the last day of
but the great power of the defendant, upon which the defendant, do

George Caldwell

and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

COUNTY JURY.

And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge That the defendant on or about the 5th day of February, 1938, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice or contrived the same to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to say, the said scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently did knowingly cause to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to Mr. A. J. Galfry, 418 Pella Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, which letter was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

Louisiana State University
and
Agricultural and Mechanical College
University, La.
Construction Dept.

February 5, 1938

Mr. A. J. Galfry
418 Pella Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Street Traffic Sign

Please call at this office at your earliest convenience and give us a price on the work to be done on the above mentioned building.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell Sr.

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that at the time of causing to be delivered by mail/the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

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And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge That the defendant on or about the 10th day of February, 1939, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to say, the said scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which in said first count, are incorporated by reference therein in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to George Caldwell, Superintendent of Construction, Louisiana State University, University, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, which letter was and is of the following tenor, to-wit:

Mr. J. Calhoun Art Terrazzo Co.
Terrazzo Floor, Vestibule,
Reinforcing and Stairs
415 Julia Street
New Orleans, La.

February 10, 1939

George Caldwell, Supt. of Construction,
Louisiana State University,
University, La.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:-

Replying to your letter of February 9th, wish to advise that I will be in Baton Rouge Monday.

Thanking you, we are

Respectfully yours,

A. J. CALHOUN ART TERRAZZO COMPANY

By (Signed) A. J. Calhoun

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that at the time of placing and caused to be placed the said letter in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the laws of the statute in such case made and

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provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

COUNTY COURT.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge That the defendant on or about the 14th day of April, 1938, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that to wit, the said scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations contained in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain check enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, the face and reverse of which check were and are of the tenor following, to-wit:

NO. 3439

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A. & M. COLLEGE

Baton Rouge, La., APR 8 1938 1938

Pay to the
Order of A. J. Gelfry Art Terrazzo Co. - - - - - \$1,196.91

L.S.U. & A. & M.
College - \$1196 and 91/100 - - - - - DOLLARS

Louisiana State University and A. & M. College

TO
CITY NATIONAL BANK
Baton Rouge, La.

(Signed) J. C. Johnson
Auditor

This voucher-check, when properly endorsed, becomes receipt in full for items listed. Alterations and erasures render null and void; return if not correct.

ENDORSEMENT

A. J. Gelfry Art Terrazzo Co.

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
ANY BANK, BANKER OR TRUST CO
Prior Endorsements Guaranteed
APR 14 1938
New Orleans Branch
FED. RES. BANK OF ATLANTA
14-21 New Orleans, La. 14-21

Pay any Bank, Banker
or Trust Co., or Order
Prior Endorsement Guaranteed
WHITNEY NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ORLEANS
14-17
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that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said check in an autho-

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placed depositories for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant then and there well knew that the said check was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

And the grand Jurors aforesaid, well witting aforesaid, do further declare and adjudge that the defendant, as is shown by the return of April, 1909, to said division and to said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, at having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that in so doing, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain check enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, the face and reverse of which check were and are of the tenor following, to-wit:

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A. & M. COLLEGE
University, La.
General Fund

NO. 99

Date	Exhibition No.	Check No.	Pay to the Order of	Amount of Check
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2/20/09	225	99	A. J. Gaffey Art Terrace Co.	1000.00
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----- L.S.U. & A. & M. College \$1000 and 00 cts -----

To CITY NATIONAL BANK 24-11

(Signed) C. C. Johnson

Auditor

Baton Rouge, La.

ENDORSEMENTS

A. F. Galfry Art Terrazzo Co.

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
ANY BANK, BANKER OR TRUST CO.
Prior Endorsements Guaranteed
APR 19 1939
New Orleans Branch
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA
14-21 New Orleans, La. 14-21

Pay any Bank, Banker
or Trust Co. by Order
Prior Endorsements Guaranteed
NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ORLEANS
14-19
APR 19 1939

that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said check in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant then and there well knew that the said check was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

(Sgd) Edna A. Vioona
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

(Sgd) Herbert W. Christenberry
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

(Sgd) O. John Rogge
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES

A TRUE BILL

New Orleans, La., AUG 14 1939

(Sgd) Eben Hardie, Jr.
Foreman

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September 9, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 18, 1939, furnishing information as given by Mr. Harry Costello on the occasion of his visit to the Bureau on August 16, 1939.

The Department has advised that Mr. Costello likewise called at the Department and during the course of his interview gave the name of a Mr. L. S. Brownson, 3209 Laurel Street, New Orleans (Jackson 2221-W). According to Mr. Costello, Mr. Brownson is a public minded citizen and is anxious to help the Federal Government, but is fearful for his life. He indicated that Mr. Brownson has information concerning Louisiana matters, including the following: (in addition to the information furnished in the reference letter)

1. That Mrs. Alfredo Blanco, 1341 Esplanade (Crescent 3539), widow of the late Consul of Bolivia, can tell something that will tie up with Shushan.
2. That by investigating the history of the Emerald Oil Company, some line can be gotten on Hellis Maestri.

Mrs. Blanco is also according to Costello supposed to possess information concerning a jewel story involving the Maximilian jewels.

The Bureau desires that the above information be furnished to Assistant Attorney General O. John Rogge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sears _____
Mr. G. Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

August 19, 1939

Time: 11:55 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

B. In compliance with instructions from Mr. Sears, I telephonically communicated with Mr. G. Mennen Williams, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, as requested by him in the attached memorandum.

Mr. Williams inquired as to whether Mr. Harry Costello had furnished me with the information as contained in this memorandum, and I advised him that this information had been furnished to me by Mr. Costello and subsequently submitted to our New Orleans office for transmittal to Mr. Rogge.

Respectfully,

A. C. Hayden

A. C. Hayden

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

August 17, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. C. HAYDEN
(Supervisor, Investigative Division)
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Harry Costello, of whose connections I understand you are aware, saw me yesterday afternoon, the Attorney General being out of town. He wished you to have the following information received from Mr. Harris of the Newman, Harris Company of Louisiana.

Incidentally, Mr. Costello says that Mr. Harris is a friend of his and a fine fellow although perhaps duped by Shushin. Mr. Harris stated, according to Mr. Costello, that Mr. Miller, a CPA, gave Mr. H. W. Waguespack money, probably for Shushin.

He also gave me the name of Mr. L. S. Brownson, 3209 Laurel Street, New Orleans (Jackson 2221-W). He stated that Mr. Brownson is a public-minded citizen and anxious to help the Federal Government, but is fearful for his life. He indicated that Mr. Brownson has information concerning Louisiana matters, including the following:

1. That Mrs. Lydia Wickliffe, manager of the Pontalba Building, St. Peter and Royal Streets, can probably identify someone in Louisiana as Lepke. Mrs. Wickliffe is the widow of former Congressman Wickliffe of Louisiana.
2. That Mrs. Alfredo Blanco, 1341 Esplanade (Crescent 3539), widow of the late Consul of Bolivia here, can tell something that will tie up with Shushin.
3. That by investigating the history of the Emerald Oil Company, some line can be gotten on Hellis Maestri.

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Memorandum for Mr. A. C. Hayden

August 17, 1939

Attached is a copy of information given by Mr. Brownson to Mr. Costello—the key is roughly indicated above.

I would appreciate your getting in touch with me about this after you have had time to study it.

G. Mennen Williams

G. Mennen Williams,
Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

Mrs. Lydia Wickliffe, manager of the Pontalba Building,
St. Peter and Royal Streets, - widow of former congress-
man Wickliffe, Louisiana.

Mrs. Alfredo Blanco, 1341 Esplanade, Crescent 3539, -
widow of late consul of Bolivia here. Ask her to tell
you details of jewel story. General Diaz - Maximillian
jewels.

Investigate history of Emerald Oil Company, receivership
papers filed in Federal Court. Get papers from court
clerk.

From
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Official Indicated below by check mark

MEMORANDUM

Solicitor General Jackson
Assistant to the Attorney General
Assistant Attorney General Arnold
Assistant Attorney General Morris
Assistant Attorney General Whitaker
Assistant Attorney General Ladd
Assistant Attorney General McMahon
Assistant Solicitor General Bell
~~Mr. [redacted]~~, Fed. Bu. of Investigation
Mr. Bennett, Director of Prisons
Mr. Martin, Director of War Risk Bureau
Mr. Lawrence, Dir., Bond and Spirits Division
Mr. Quinn, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Kemp, Special Assistant
Mr. Holtzoff, Special Assistant
Board of Parole
Mr. Lyons, Pardon Attorney
Mr. McClure, General Agent
Mr. Donaldson, Chief Clerk
Mr. Hill, Appointment Clerk
Mr. Crain, Division of Records
Mr. Holland, Division of Supplies
Mr. McKavitt, Librarian
Mr. Carusi
Mr. Dean
Miss Bumgardner
Mr. Gates
Mr. Hedetniemi
Miss LaHue
Miss Wallers
Mr. Euwer

Mr. J. C. Hayden
Supervisor, Investigative Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Call + make sure
of all -

Miss
Mr. J. [redacted]
8-19-39
A.C. [redacted]

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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FBI NEW ORLEANS

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DIRECTOR

LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. ASSISTANT
US ATTORNEY LEON HUBERT ADVISED THAT HAROLD ROSENWALD SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL ATTENDED HARVARD UNIVERSITY WITH A
BROTHER OF ROBERT NEWMAN AND IS ATTEMPTING TO KEEP NEWMAN FROM
BEING INDICTED MAIL FRAUD CASE INVOLVING REFUNDING NEW ORLEANS
LEVEE BOARD BONDS BY NEWMAN HARRIS CO INC. RETURN OF INDICTMENTS
BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY NEW ORLEANS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY REPORTED
DELAYED UNTIL RETURN OF O. HOHN ROGGE FROM DALLAS, TEXAS.
INDICTMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RETURNED MONDAY. U.S. FEDERAL
JUDGE T. WHITFIELD DAVIDSON, DALLAS, TEXAS, ORDERED FREEMAN
BURFORD, INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY NEW ORLEANS FOR VIOLATION
CONNALLY ACT. DISMISSED FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY IN DALLAS, HOLDING THERE
WAS NO REASONABLE PROBABILITY OF CASE AGAINST BUREORD.

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September 2, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA

Dear Sir:

There are inclosed herewith two photostatic copies of a letter dated August 18, 1939, received by the Bureau from Mr. E. L. Walden, Route 3, Ashdown, Arkansas, together with two photostatic copies of the inclosure thereto. Also inclosed are two copies of the Bureau's reply to Mr. Walden.

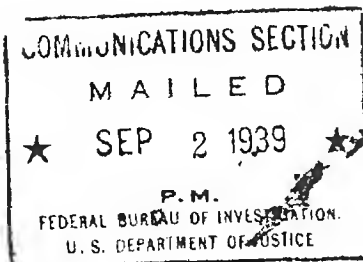
The Bureau instructs that one copy each of the above be furnished to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca at New Orleans.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

Inclosure

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Harbo _____
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September 2, 1939

Mr. R. E. Walden
Route 3
Ashdown, Arkansas

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA

Dear Mr. Walden:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 18, 1939, with inclosure, wherein you volunteer your assistance in connection with the investigation being made in Louisiana relevant to possible violations of the Connally Act.

I wish to advise that I am referring copies of your letter and copies of its inclosure to Mr. B. E. Sackett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1308 Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, for transmittal to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca at New Orleans.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Q. Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

cc-Little Rock (with 1 photostatic copy each of incoming letter and its inclosure)

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(★ cc of this letter furnished to New Orleans office with cover letter of even date.)

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as well as endangering human
lives in June 1937 my life was
threatened and I was ordered to
leave the field or be killed in an
unknown accident, which I of
course had to do, as I could not
get any help from State authorities,
as you will find in the letter
I am forwarding you. I did not
even get a answer to this letter.
so please Mr Hoover get me in
touch with your nearest agent
as I am so afraid some of this
bunch are going to slip through the
net.
on I do want to bring this whole
thing to light.

Respectfully

R. L. Walden

Ashdown, Ark. Rt 3
Phone.

J. C. Walden Res 84
Ashdown, Ark for me.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Nathan	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Ashdown Ark
 Aug. 18. 1939
 R# # 3

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

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 AUG 21 1939
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 Ack, cc-Sit
 R. K. &

Dear Mr. Hoover:

as you are working on this Louisiana bunch, I would love to help in any way I can in bringing to light the real foundation to this hot oil racket, and to link the rest of this bunch with Freeman W. Buffard, as I know he is guilty of the charge you have against him.

I was switching a oil lease joining the lease this hot oil was run off of at that time. and I do know he knew this was hot oil, there are several parties involved in this as well as other Rackets that are being carried on in the Rodessa, La. oil field, which are a violation to Federal Laws, and State Laws.

See my Confidential Source

Joplin, Arkansas

Rt. 4 - Box 84-B.

Governor Richard H. Leche;
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Governor Leche:

I am forwarding you a copy of my letter which I wrote Mr. Rankins, Conservation Commissioner as you know. Apparently, Mr. Rankins has ignored my letter or perhaps he is getting some of the sugar out of the same ~~board~~ his clients are. Governor, do you see any reason why this bribery shouldn't be stopped. I am sure you had not the least knowledge of this kind of work being carried on by the Conservation Dept. If it is not stopped soon the Rodessa field will be no good to the state or citizens and tax payers. Is it not important to the state and people to recover back taxes on gas in this field which will amount to thousands of dollars, as well as protect the field from any further destruction. I have knowledge of this

practice going on in field carried on by Major Companies as well as Independents which most are now state residence.

I know parties who are involved and have actually seen pay-offs. This practice has ruined the Rodena field causing loss to the state as well as citizens of La. The back taxes should be recovered. There are millions of feet of gas illegal being produced in this field as well as oil each day which there are no State or federal tax being paid on. I would like to explain this matter to you or one of your agents personally. I can prove to you every point that I have brought out in this letter. Just give me a chance.

In my own knowing as well as others, the conservation office at Rodena was used as a "hang-out place" for oil companies agents which bought whiskey in large quantity, as well as dry goods for Conservation Staff. Also poker games and drunken parties were carried on. I do know. Governor,

this is not the true policy in which you are trying to carry on in the State of Louisiana. And I do think you will at least grant an investigation of same. I also know that a certain company selling flow valves got wise to this pay-off and took advantage and made a fortune selling flow valves which are of very little benefit to a gas well and a number of wells which are on beams are same for a blind to public. I can show you wells in Rodessa field which produce natural gasoline + 30 color which are rated oil wells. These wells have produced thousands of barrels of gasoline which 7¢ tax per gal. should have been paid on. As I have already mentioned, the State and citizens are justly due this tax money and same should be collected.

I am a citizen of La. Having lived there 3 1/2 years. And I do think I am within my rights in asking of you this investigation.

Respectfully Yours,
R. L. Halder

Mr. Hoover -

Washington D.C.

Raceland La Aug 20/39

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Dear Sir - We beg you to read this letter through
and help us clean up the vice and corruption
in Lafourche Parish. Our Sheriff Mr. Stock is
to increase the list, His right hand Armand
has brought vice, dope and what not in this
parish for the last 10 yrs. We have appeal to the
law but we are only mocked. In this little town
of Raceland, dope, murdering, stealing and what
not is done by Danos and Bros. We ask of
you to save our young generation, as for the
old it is gone to the dog. Night clubs, opened
by Danos and Bros. is the cause to this place
dope is place in their drink under influence of
dope, men are robbed of their money, and young
girls in their teens are hired to lure men
for immoral purposes. Last year our parish
Dr. called a meeting announcing over 300 social
diseases in the parish appealing to the
people to shut down those night clubs. But our
Mr. Stock, only laugh and no action.
Two years ago fire destroyed church. But our
town Raceland La. there were an

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presided quietly, but nothing was done. The
Danos Bros. are now operating over 200 slot
machine in this parish splitting the profits
Mr. Stock and the district attorney. Two year
ago a stranger by the name of Jimmy was working
at Danos night club, he disappeared, a year after
man by the name of Buck Bourgeois, under the
influence of liquor, made a remark that within
a few days an excitement would occur in a tomb in
the cemetery, two days after Jimmy's body was found
in an empty tomb, with both hands & feet cut. Dr.
Stock was called on the scene, He made little effort
not try to investigate, left on a fishing trip left
everything in charge of Armand Danos, appointed by
Dr. Stock as deputy sheriff. Danos close the scene
by stating nothing could be done. Back of Racine
is lake "Fise" where duck geese and poult are
plentiful. Danos and Bros. last year killed over 600
in one night taking but the gizzards and leaving
the rest of bodies floating in the water, all year
round they kill the games they want. When a
man who is out of Dr. Stock's (dring) were to kill
one out of the limit was arrested and made to pay
fine. Now this year Armand Danos and one of his
pal Ernest Robichaux a mail carrier built a club
house on the lake taking possession of lake 90

These charging it go through the for his
When lake "Fial" for over 100 yrs. was a free
Miss Estie Partint and others went to Baton Rouge
to appeal to the governor for help, Now with
scandal in this state nothing was done, so for
Colored people has no right as a citizen in
little town, and they are known as good colored
and badly needed for labors. They are murdered
beaten by Danos & Bros. nothing is done more
than if they were to kill a poor dog. Four
years ago in Napoleonville, in Assencion parish,
a white girl was found murdered in a cane patch
was on a colored boy. He was placed in jail. That
night, Danos & Bros. an and accomplice, Lee Rock
sired the color boy from the jail, ^{hungry} by the
two months after the father-in-law of the murder
il, confessed on his dying bed, that he had murdered
the girl. Such is law here with Mr. Stack
Danos & Bros. what is not done is unbearable
Oe beg you to help us clean up this part
graft, vice, and what now. Good citizen are
raid to make an attempt to appeal to the law
any moment we might find our place on
we are get murdered. So please do something
this parish.

A. citizen

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AT NEW ORLEANS TODAY AND ARRAIGNMENT CONTINUED FOR ALL DEFENDANTS
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OF
LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. FEDERAL GRAND JURY,
NEW ORLEANS, CONTINUED TO HEAR TESTIMONY IN REGARD TO MAIL FRAUD
CASE REGARDING REFUNDING OF NEW ORLEANS LEVEE BOARD BONDS BY
NEWMAN, HARRIS AND COMPANY AND TESTIMONY CONCERNING VIOLATIONS
OF THE CONNALLY ACT. O. JOHN ROGGE LEAVING FOR DALLAS, TEX. TO
PARTICIPATE IN REMOVAL AND HABEAS CORPUS HEARING OF FREEMAN BURFORD,
INDICTED HERE FOR VIOLATION OF CONNALLY ACT.

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August 18, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA

Dear Sir:

Mr. Harry Costello who has previously furnished information in connection with this case, called at the Bureau on August 16, 1939, and advised he had further information which he was desirous of furnishing to Mr. O. John Rogge.

Mr. Costello stated that he left New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 15, 1939, and that on August 16, 1939, he received a call from Norvin Harris of Newman, Harris & Company, which company was active in the refunding of the Levy deal. Mr. Costello related that Abe Shushan is closely connected with a man named Miller who is a Certified Public Accountant and this individual Miller reportedly gave to one H. W. Wagusspeck a sum of money out of the above mentioned refunding deal. Mr. Costello was of the opinion that Mr. Rogge would be interested in receiving this information inasmuch as he believed that if Miller was located and interviewed he might furnish information relevant to a possible mail fraud violation on the part of Abe Shushan.

The Bureau desires that the above information be furnished to Mr. O. John Rogge.

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LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. GEORGE CALDWELL,
FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,
INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY, NEW ORLEANS, IN TWO MAIL FRAUD
INDICTMENTS AND EUGENE BARKSDALE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF
CONSTRUCTION, INDICTED FOR W P A VIOLATION. FEDERAL GRAND JURY
CONTINUED TO HEAR WITNESSES TESTIFY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOUETT M. SPEED -
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are copies of the report of Special Agent J. O. PEYRONNIN, dated August 10, 1939, at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the above-entitled case.

The investigation relative to JOUETT M. SPEED, who is one of the United States Grand Jurors in the present grand jury at New Orleans, was requested by O. JOHN ROGGE, Head of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, and RENE A. VIOSCA, United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, and was authorized by the Bureau.

The Bureau is requested to advise this office if a copy of the aforementioned report should be submitted to the United States Attorney at New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **New Orleans, Louisiana**

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REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE 8-10-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-1, 7 to 10-39	REPORT MADE BY J. O. PEYRONNIE
TITLE JOUETT M. SPEED		CHARACTER OF CASE INFORMATION CONCERNING	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject is member of U.S. Grand Jury, New Orleans, La., presently in session. Anonymous communication received by U.S. Atty., New Orleans, reflecting subject, who is connected with Mundet Cork Corp., which firm sold material to Charity Hospital, New Orleans, was giving information to political figures in New Orleans now under investigation. U. S. Attorney requested discreet investigation. Investigation developed subject Branch Manager of Mundet Cork Corp. at New Orleans since 1929, earns \$600 to \$800 per month, and that his company under sub-contract sold materials of his company's manufacture for use in construction of Charity Hospital, New Orleans. Credit rating of subject considered only satisfactory and in some instances unsatisfactory. Nothing against his reputation in general could be learned.</p>			
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<p>DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA</p> <p>On August 4, 1939, United States Attorney RENE A. VIOSCA furnished the New Orleans Office with a list of the members of the United States Grand Jury presently in session, and both Mr. VIOSCA and Mr. O. JOHN ROGGE, Assistant United States Attorney General, requested the New Orleans Office to conduct a very discreet investigation as to subject J. M. SPEED, a member of the United States Grand Jury. Mr. ROGGE also submitted to the New Orleans Office part of an anonymous letter addressed to him bearing the date of August 1, 1939, in which anonymous communication information was given that there is a man on the present Federal Grand Jury named</p>			
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SPEED who is connected with the Mundet Cork Corporation; that SPEED is giving valuable information to SEYMOUR WEISS, ROBERT MAESTRI, and other big political figures; that this man SPEED has sold big orders for cork and floor coverings made by his firm to the new Charity Hospital, New Orleans, and that he, the anonymous writer of this letter, is reliably informed it was a shady deal and a kickback in money; that the political gang has this over him, SPEED, and that he is telling them plenty of what goes on in the Grand Jury.

Mr. ROGGE informed that there is a leak in the present Grand Jury, and at the time of the request for the investigation by this office of SPEED, Mr. ROGGE informed that he believed SPEED was the particular leak. However, during the course of this investigation, contacts have been made with Mr. ROGGE in connection with this investigation, and he informed that SPEED has shown a disposition to be very aggressive in the presentation of matters before the Grand Jury, has asked many questions, and was very cooperative and displayed a disposition to be with the government in these matters.

United States Attorney RENE A. VIOSCA submitted to agent copy of tabulations of approved sub-contracts in the construction of the new Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. This tabulation shows contract was given to the American Heating & Plumbing Company and opposite the name of that concern shows a sub-contract 7-B dated December 30, 1937 to the Mundet Cork Corp., 432 North Peters Street, New Orleans, type of work: Boxes in morgue, amount of sub-contract, \$11,221.00. In this same tabulation of approved sub-contracts there also appears Contract No. 16 given to W. J. RILEY Plumbing & Heating Company, New Orleans, and opposite the name of that concern appears the information as to various sub-contracts, and opposite sub-contract 16-D, dated July 20, 1938, was given the name of the Mundet Cork Corp., 432 North Peters Street, New Orleans, type of work: Cold storage rooms, amount of sub-contract \$3,000.00.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, Inc., American Bank Building, New Orleans, were examined and the said records show that JOUETT M. SPEED resides at 4503 South Derbigny Street, New Orleans, is branch manager of the Mundet Cork Corp. of 432 North Peters Street, New Orleans, and a report dated April 22, 1939 gives information that subject has been in New Orleans for many years, is 57 years old, married, working for the Mundet Cork Corp. at New Orleans since 1929 as branch manager; character, habits and morals, well-regarded; income from present employment estimated at \$4,000.00 per year; does not own any property but rents. Under "REMARKS" information is given that SPEED has been connected with the Mundet Cork Corporation, a nationally known concern, for the past 25 years, originally as a salesman, later as sales manager, and 10 years ago was made manager of the local branch of the company at New Orleans; that SPEED has all along resided in a

good residential section of the city and has been receiving a good salary, but so far as is known has not accumulated any particular means; that SPEED is entirely dependent upon his earnings and his net worth is considered limited. Previous addresses were given as 2839 Palmer Avenue and 7217 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, La. Said records contain information that a suit was filed against SPEED on January 19, 1933 by the Audubon Golf Club in the amount of \$126.90, and judgment was rendered May 23, 1933, and that SPEED presently owes \$18.00 in that suit; also the records show that a suit was filed against SPEED on March 27, 1935 by the Continental Bank & Trust Company in the amount of \$160.00. The report shows that the data in connection with this claim could not be verified on account of the bank in question being in liquidation. Also, the said records show that on December 19, 1938, Mrs. EMMA KNOOP, widow of A. HARRY DRAPER, filed a suit for damages against SPEED in the sum of \$10,000.00, the details of which are not available. The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, Inc. regard the credit rating of SPEED as satisfactory.

The records of Dun & Bradstreet Commercial Agency, United Fruit Company Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, contain report dated December 1938 which shows that JOUETT M. SPEED is local manager of the Mundet Cork Corp., 432 North Peters Street, New Orleans; that the headquarters of this concern are located at 450 Seventh Avenue, New York City; that the corporation maintained a sales and distributing office in New Orleans. Mr. GREEN, office manager of Dun & Bradstreet, in the strictest of confidence informed that his office does not have a record of SPEED or complete data as to the Mundet Cork Corp. for the reason that the Mundet Cork Corp. has a rating of over a million dollars and has a very high credit rating. Mr. GREEN informed that he would in the regular course of business confidentially endeavor to secure information as to SPEED and submit the results of that investigation to reporting agent. On August 8, 1939, Mr. GREEN informed that his confidential investigation developed that SPEED has been in New Orleans for several years, during which period of time he has been branch manager of the Mundet Cork Corp.; that the company specializes in the manufacture and sale of cork insulation; that the Mundet Cork Corp. through the local office of that corporation at New Orleans sold some cork insulation to the new Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, but that no information could be determined as to the details surrounding the sale of the cork insulation to the Charity Hospital. Mr. GREEN informed that the income of SPEED is supposed to be between \$600.00 and \$800.00 per month, and nothing derogatory to his reputation could be ascertained. On August 10, 1939, Mr. GREEN of Dun & Bradstreet Commercial Agency, New Orleans, confidentially informed agent that a further confidential and discreet check of SPEED was made and he ascertained that SPEED was sued by the Audubon Golf Club in January 1933 for \$126.00, judgment rendered, and that SPEED still owes \$18.00 thereof; that SPEED

was sued in March 1935 by the Continental Bank in the amount of \$160.00; that SPEED was sued on December 19, 1938 by the widow of A. H. DRAPER in the amount of \$10,000, which is evidently a damage suit, and no information is available as to the disposition of that suit; that he confidentially ascertained that SPEED owes in a particular account a balance of \$84.00 since 1931; that the credit rating of SPEED personally is considered only satisfactory, and in some cases unsatisfactory. The investigation as previously reported reflects he has been with the Mundet Cork Corp. for 25 years and is local manager of the corporation at New Orleans since 1929.

No further investigation will be conducted in this matter unless further requested by the United States Attorney at New Orleans, Louisiana.

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United States Department of Justice
New Orleans, Louisiana
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Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
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Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

You will recall that some days ago I informed the Bureau that a MR. SHIRLEY C. WIMBERLY had made a radio talk over three stations in Louisiana for a period of one hour condemning the investigations being made by the Federal Government, particularly attacking Attorney General MURPHY and Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE.

On August 7, 1939, as I informed the Bureau, this individual made another hour broadcast over station WDSU in New Orleans, during which tirade he also mentioned the Attorney General and MR. ROGGE. This speech on August 7, 1939, was recorded at this office by the use of the Ediphone dictating machine and has been transcribed.

I am enclosing herewith for your information and the completion of the Bureau's file regarding SHIRLEY WIMBERLY three copies of the transcribed talk made by WIMBERLY on August 7, 1939.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Following is a transcript of the speech of SHIRLEY A. WIMBERLY, New Orleans Attorney, delivered over Station WDSU, New Orleans, from 8:30 to 9:30 PM, August 7, 1939. This speech was taken by means of an ediphone and transcribed therefrom:

At this time you will hear MR. SHIRLEY WIMBERLY, New Orleans Attorney, speaking from the studios of WDSU in the City of New Orleans. This is a paid political program. Views expressed by the speaker are his own and not necessarily those of this station... MR. SHIRLEY WIMBERLY...

Ladies and gentlemen: First let me thank the thousands of good people throughout the State of Louisiana, who have been so kind as to tell me by letter, by telegram and by telephone, since my last speech over this station, that they heartily approve the sentiment I expressed upon that occasion. Each communication, almost invariably, admonished me to keep up the fight. You need have no fear, my friends, I most certainly intend to keep up the fight. This fight is too important to the interests of every poor man, woman and child in Louisiana, to even think for a moment of quitting. This fight must go on! If it fails, you poor people of Louisiana prepare your wrists for the shackles that the lying and corrupt newspapers, and the big monied corporate interests have been busily preparing to put on you, ever since the first newspaper headlines in the Times Picayune gleefully shrieked with fiendish delight that something was wrong at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge.

The average citizen of Louisiana, sincere in his love for his State, and deeply interested in the welfare of all its institutions, was shocked and dismayed at the unfortunate disclosure, at L. S. U. The good men and women of this State felt a sense of sorrow that harm had come to their famous and beloved University, but to the newspapers, that was the signal they had awaited so long. It meant to them an opportunity to commence a wave of hysteria and excitement in Louisiana that they might well use, to completely destroy the faith of the people in their Government. Sure, every public official in Louisiana have been a crook and a scoundrel and a thief. That was their program! Say that all politicians, high and low, big and little, were crooks, and then bring forward a scurvy misfit little outfit of blueblooded corporation lawyers and bankers, and brokers, and other representatives of the special interests, headed by a man like ELDON LAZARUS, JOSEPH AIREY, JOE CARROLL, and every other enemy of the people they could think of, and say to the people: Here's your savior, let these people take charge of Louisiana! Run all your elected officials out, and let these big, pure, holy and patriotic high society boys move in, and then you'll have a real honest clean Government. That was their program, that was the program of these lying and

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dishonest newspapers, that's the kind of claptrap they thought they could make the people of Louisiana swallow. Why, when the news broke of the misfortune that had happened at L. S. U. these newspaper fellows and their corporation lawyers went wild with joy. Here's the chance we've been waiting for boys, here it is, and at last we've got our break! We can capitalize on Louisiana's misfortune, let these poor people hang their heads in sorrow, they're stunned, and before they can get over being stunned and start to think straight, again, we will fan the flames of hatred and malice and prejudice against everybody that has any official connection with the Government of Louisiana. We'll say they're all crooks, and burglars and scoundrels and thieves, and the people will get so worked up over it all they'll get so excited and inflamed by the newspaper headlines, and the lies we can print, they won't have time to look into the character and reputation of the worn out aristocrats we're shoving down their throats. And then we'll be in power in Louisiana again! That's what the newspapers said. Oh, the deceit, the hypocrisy, the villainy of these contemptible newspapers! Glad! Glad! Over Louisiana's scandal! Glad over her shame! When Louisiana's plain, honest and patriotic citizens sorrowed that some of her officials had betrayed their trust and had been found in sin, these buzzards in print, these vultures in type, these scavengers in headlines, licked their loathsome chops and run-----their filthy mouths, while they rejoicingly waited to pick our bones. They rejoiced, these newspapers, I tell you! They rejoiced, these corporation lawyers! When they learned that trouble had started in this State. Just as they sat around tables in a back room and raised their tinkling glasses in rejoicing to celebrate Louisiana's greatest tragedy - the assassination of HUEY P. LONG! Just as they sent floral offerings to the grave of HUEY LONG'S murderous assassin! Just as some of their kind even went to that assassin's funeral. Oh, they're saying that I was HUEY LONG'S bitterest enemy, they are saying that I opposed HUEY LONG. They are right when they say I opposed HUGH'S politics for a period of his political life. They are wrong when they say I was HUEY LONG'S bitter enemy. Tell the truth just once, you lying newspapers. Tell the truth just once, if the truth is anywhere in your lying carcasses. Tell the people about my opposition to HUEY LONG! I'll help you tell it! I'll tell it for you!

I said in the circular I issued the other day, ladies and gentlemen, that I would not refer to this subject again, and that I would not be put on the defensive by a lot of lying, deceitful, fraudulent newspapers, but I've changed my mind for just this once. As everyone who knows me well will tell you, I supported HUEY LONG when he ran for Governor in 1924. I remained his friend for four years, until he ran for Governor in 1928, and I supported him again. I made many

speeches for him throughout his campaign. I was his friend after he became Governor, and through the dark days of his impeachment.

In 1930 he came down here to New Orleans, and not knowing the situation, and not knowing certain politicians as well as he might, made the mistake of being fooled into joining forces with a man who was about as foul and sorry a scoundrel as has ever disgraced this city. And you people know who I'm talking about. I'm not going to mention his name because he's out of politics, and there's no purpose in mentioning his name. HUEY didn't know him for what he really was. HUEY'S friends did know this man well. They tried to dissuade him, but HUEY wouldn't listen, and he let this man fool him into joining up with him.

Several of HUEY'S friends and I decided we could not go along on the proposition. We told HUEY that man was universally hated and despised in this city, and would eventually do him a lot of harm. HUEY wouldn't listen, and we parted company. It was then I opposed HUEY LONG. Yes, I opposed him! Openly and fearlessly, at the zenith of his power, when the sun of his success stood at high noon. I opposed HUEY LONG at a time when he had all his health and vigor, out in the open, face to face. I didn't wait until after his murder to oppose him, and then turn on his sorrowing widow and seek to do her harm, as the craven, cowardly newspapers have done.

I said in that circular HUEY LONG and I composed our differences when he discovered that his friends had told him the truth about the man he had joined forces with in New Orleans. That man doublecrossed HUEY LONG, and HUEY kicked him out. And if HUEY LONG saw fit to compose his differences with me two years before his death, then I say that's good enough for me. I spent those two years before HUEY LONG was killed on the battlefield with him, helping him fight his enemies. And the best answer I can make to those, like the lying newspapers, who would try to make me out as HUEY'S life long foe, is that I have since his death, spent my time and all my energy defending the memory of HUEY LONG from the slanderous, malicious and cowardly attacks of foul and cruel harpies like the Times Picayune. Now, that brings us down to what has happened in the State since my last speech, ladies and gentlemen. That speech did away with the Citizens Voluntary Committee. Don't you ever let anybody fool you about that. I'm going to show you in a minute how it did. I'm going to prove to you that the morning after that speech the Citizens Voluntary Committee was on the run, and the next day there wasn't any more Citizens Voluntary Committee. I'll come to that in a minute.

They got to resigning and --- off so fast, that the big leaders, JOE CARROLL, corporation lawyer, and SHINOLA HELPS, part owner of the Times Picayune, and JOHN M. PARKER, JR., and ELDON LAZARUS and a few others got together and they said: "Boys, we gotta do something. This Citizens Committee is going to pieces. Most of these fellows are scared that any minute the searchlight of truth is going

to be turned on them and they're stampeding on us. Pretty soon we won't have a baker's dozen of our original one hundred and one, let alone all those who have joined up with us since".

These ring leaders got their heads together and they pow-wowwed and they conferred, and they consulted and they considered and they reconsidered, and finally what do you suppose they came up to? Here's what they decided. These fellows, JOE CARROLL, JOHN M. PARKER, JR., SHINOLA PHELPS, here's what they decided. Let's quit using that Citizens Voluntary Committee. Let's change that ----, let's break off that mask, let's use one of our other names. You know this newspaper corporation lawyer outfit has plenty a names. So they said, let's use our best known name, and try that one out on -----, maybe that'll sound bigger than Citizens Voluntary Committee, and maybe he'll give in to our demands, and let us run the State for 'em without being elected to office.

Here's the name they came up with - Association of Commerce. Assassination of Commerce! That's the latest name these lying newspapers and their big monied friends are using. They figure they'll scare you Governor, better watch those birds, those society people are slick EARL. If you think I'm joking about this my friends, if you want to check up on what I've just been telling you, get your newspapers dating from August 1st to date, and see how active this bunch of high powered rich people have been under the name they started out with - the Citizens Voluntary Committee.

I made a speech last week exposing the hypocrisy and corruptness of that whole bunch of antis, known at various times in the past ten or twelve years as the Constitutional League, and the Honest Election League, and this league, that league and the other league, dedicated to the lofty purpose of taking Louisiana's Government away from the people and giving it back to the newspapers and the corporation lawyers. I climbed on board of that bunch in my last speech and told the plain unvarnished truth about 'em, and like all such fake outfits they commenced to cave in and crumble up at once. Now, on August fifth, that was five or six days after I made my last speech, the Times Picayune came out with big black headline, maybe

some of you will remember it. "CITIZENS DEMAND CLEANUP OF STATE". 'Member that? When I read the word "CITIZENS" in that headline, I naturally thought the Citizens Voluntary Committee had come back to life. But when I read down in the sub-head, as these newspaper people call the small headline that follows the big one across the top of the page, Lo and Behold! There it was! Big as life! A. of C., that's the Association of Commerce, A. of C. urges fair poll, 12 point plan. Not the Citizens Committee, not the devoted Citizens Voluntary Committee, but the A. of C. They had decided to take up the battle, and being fakers like they are, they didn't want to quit altogether, so they figured they'd get rid of the Citizens Voluntary Committee name and get a new old one, like the Association of Commerce. Now.,, Assassination of Commerce urges fair poll, 12 point plan.

Now, here's where I'm going to prove to you my friends, that the members of the now defunct Citizens Voluntary Committee, and the members of the Association of Commerce, are the same identical people, the same corporation lawyers, the same bluebloods, the same representatives of the special interests. I've got before me here, gimme that red book, got before me here the Redbook of New Orleans, Commerce and membership directory of the New Orleans Association of Commerce. I'll show the people in the room, so they'll know I'm not faking on this. Now, I've also got right here the list of members of the Citizens Voluntary Committee of Louisiana and I'm holding it up so everybody can see, as originally published in the Times-Picayune. That's a list of members of the Citizens Voluntary Committee, and that's a list of members of Association of Commerce. I'm going to show you that the members of the Association of Commerce were the members of the Citizens Voluntary Committee, and the members of the Citizens Voluntary Committee are the members of the Association of Commerce.

Now, I can't take up all my time here comparing these lists on every name, but I'm going to take enough of them at random, to show you that the Citizens Voluntary Committee now deceased, having been unable to survive a barrage of truth, is the Association of Commerce with a mask on its face. Same name, same members, same gang of high binding corporation lawyers, bankers and millionaires aided and abetted by the lying newspapers, try to take Louisiana's Government away from its people.

Alright, let's look at these two membership lists, let's just skip around here and there on these lists. One, the Citizens Voluntary Committee of Louisiana, now defunct, the other, the Association of Commerce, now fronting for the newspapers and corporate interests. I'll just pick 'em at random. Here's HUGH McCLUSKEY, I got

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him right off the list here, he's on the Citizens Committee. Well, in the Association of Commerce Red Book there's McCluskey and Benedict and Bernard McCluskey. I looked that up. They're related. The McCluskeys are well represented in the Association of Commerce.

Here's RALPH A. PONS, he's a member in good standing in both outfits, Citizens Committee and the Association of Commerce. HAROLD S. MEYER, both, WILLIAM B. WISDOM, both, they're members of the late lamented Citizens Voluntary Committee and the Assassination of Commerce. WILLIAM B. MONROE, member of both, JOHN P. MOORE, both, FRANK FREIDLER, both, W. D. ROUSSELL, I believe that's the gentleman who wrote that letter to the paper - this evening about. W. D. ROUSSELL, member of both Association of Commerce and Ex-Citizens Voluntary Committee. CHARLES F. FLETCHINGER, both, Association of Commerce boy and late lamented Citizens Voluntary Committee boy. JOSEPH M. JONES, both, MARION R. WILSON, here's a triple ----, he's a member of the former Citizens Voluntary Committee, the Assassination of Commerce and the Young Men's Business Club. LEONARD M. WISE, both, A. of C. and the Citizens Voluntary, J. EVERETT EAVES, another triple ---- boy, belongs to all three outfits; JOHN M. PARKER. JR., of course, wouldn't you----, ----- (sounds like LYON BELL), both, WALTER J. TRAUTMAN, a two star boy, A. of C. and Citizens Voluntary. ALBERT WACKENHEIM, JR., A. of C. and Citizens Voluntary; HAROLD S. WEIL, both, JOHN WARD (?), ditto, MALCOLM L. DINWITTIE, same, A. B--- MOORE, likewise, LAWRENCE EUSTIS, JR., yes, JOHN UPTON, WILLIAM B. HANDREW, that's a pretty name, I'm going to have something to say about that boy in a few minutes. WILLIAM B. HANDREW, W. W. HOLMES, JR., HENRY BORDELON (?), W. S. SIMPSON, JOHN X. WEGMANN, - good lord, I get tired reading 'em. All of 'em are members in good standing of both the Association of Commerce and the late Citizens Voluntary Committee of Louisiana.

Of course the membership is the same. Of course it is. Did you expect it to be different? Does this confirm what I've been telling you? That the lying newspapers and their corporation friends are making their bids for political power in this State? It's history repeating itself, that's all. These few high powered crooked owners of the false and lying newspapers and a small clique of corporation lawyers like ESMOND PHELPS, JOE CARROLL, MONTE LEMANN and a few others trying to set up a bunch of shirt fronts and through them take this State Government away from the people. That's all it is. Let's look at a few more names on these two lists - CHARLES PAYNE MUTTER (?), JR., a member of both the A. of C. and the Citizens Voluntary Committee. MONTE M. LEMANN, wouldn't you just know it?, member of both. ELDON S. LAZARUS, of course, C. G. ST---, absolutely, he's the president of the Assassination of Commerce. Let me tell you something ST--- boy, you'd better get out of politics in this State - first thing you know the poor people of this city aren't going to trade at that big million dollar chain store you're running if you don't quit trying to boss poor people around in this State. E. B. GURNEY, triple star, J. R. MONROE, member of both, JOSEPH W. CARROLL, what would you expect? S.

WALTER STERN, H. J. JUMONVILLE, S. G. ALKUS, JR., CARL WOOD, -----
 -----, B. S. WILLIAMS, GEORGE S. CLARK, - Aw---- but what's the
 use? Don't you know by this time that practically every blessed
 member of the Ex-Citizens Voluntary Committee of Louisiana, that was
 raising so much fuss in the newspapers a week ago, don't you know
 that every blessed member of that outfit is a member of the Associa-
 tion of Commerce, which from now on is going to do the fussing for the
 newspapers and the corporation lawyers. And if we spoke out about that
 old enemy of the people of Louisiana, and make that Association of Com-
 merce fold up like its deceased sister, and the Citizens Voluntary
 Committee did, why just as sure as you're born they'll be back with a
 new name. Some league, or committee or association for the saving of
 the poor people of the State of Louisiana.

Now, these high collar boys are resourceful alright, I
 noticed in the Times Picayune last Saturday in the same issue that was
 headlined "CITIZENS DEMAND CLEANUP OF STATE", they have organized them
 a junior outfit, this one is called The Peoples League. An organiza-
 tion, according to the Times Picayune, of young business and profession-
 al men of New Orleans. I guess they figure this young budding outfit
 will grow up and inherit the parent outfit's monopoly on forming associa-
 tions and leagues, for the purpose of trying to run Louisiana for the
 people, without bothering to be elected to public office.

What a democratic gathering! What a representative body.
 How accurately it reflects public opinion. Bankers, brokers, corpora-
 tion lawyers, cotton and stock exchange gamblers, but not a single soli-
 tary representative of organized labor. Not a single solitary man from
 the ranks of the laboring man and woman. Why? Is it because a hand
 callous ----- is not equal in dignity to the heart calloused by
 greed and inhumanity? Do you think, you high and mighty Larks of Mammon,
 that the men and women whose ingenuity and industry give all that there
 is of value to our very articles of commerce, lack the intelligence to
 fit into your councils? These are the people who delve into your mines
 and bring to the marts of commerce the minerals, the people who fell
 the forests, build your roads, construct your houses! Has anyone a
 greater right than they to say how this Government is run? Why do you
 ignore, you assassins of both character and commerce, why do you
 ignore the small independent business man, the corner grocer. Oh, they
 ought to give significance to meet with you on your high ----- I
 want to tell you something, you aiders and abettors of the national
 chain stores, that if it were not for the small independent merchants
 the poor people could not survive the economic strife of today. They
 could not get credit for food, for coal, for medicine, and for the
 various and sundry small necessities that are required in their daily
 lives. The average poor man gets paid twice a month. Out of one little
 pay envelope he usually pays his month's house rent, leaving hardly
 enough for his car fare and a ten cents poor boy sandwich, for his

lunch. For the next two weeks he must necessarily depend upon the neighborly, kindly, humane little corner grocer. If one of his kids gets sick, he has his friend the little corner druggist to fall back on. If his money runs short when the kids' shoe soles get thin, his children needn't go barefooted until next payday, because there stands his friend, the little corner shoe merchant who will trust him a payday.

But what would you rich men know about all that? I know about it! I've been through it myself! Let us suppose that this poor man walked into ST-----'S six million dollar store and said "Trust me until payday, my little fellow's toes are coming through his shoes." What do you think STARBY (?) would say? I believe I know what'd he say. "See our Credit Manager, and if the Credit Associations, after looking up your rating for a few days, advise me that you are a safe credit risk, it's alright with me for you to get a three dollar pair of shoes". Let us suppose that a poor man found himself in trouble at some time, and he went to seek the advice of a lawyer like ELDON LAZARUS. Suppose he told LAZARUS, "My need for legal advice is urgent, but I don't get paid until next Saturday night." What do you think he'd say? You think he'd say as you and I would say, "That's alright my friend, just pay me when and if it's convenient to you, and if you never pay me, that's alright too". Aw, he wouldn't! He'd freeze up with a man like ELDON LAZARUS. He'd probably have that poor man thrown out of his office because he's not interested in poor men and their problems. His god is money! Money and more money! A man like ELDON LAZARUS sneers on that poor people. What does this kind of people know about the way the poor man and his family live? Yet these little merchants who do such good for the people of a community are considered too inconsequential and too insignificant to sit and advise in the councils of the mighty rich. They're ignored by the Citizens Voluntary Committee and the Association of Commerce. Oh yea, this Association of Commerce, successors to the defunct Citizens Voluntary Committee, is truly a democratic representative body.

Now my friends, let me make a -----, not to the politicians of this State, but to the poor people of Louisiana, and they're the only people I'm concerned about, the rich can take care of themselves, and I might observe in passing that I don't want any quarrel with the rich, as long as they keep to themselves, but I want the poor people of this city and state to believe me when I say that while I have been interested and active in the politics of this State for a long time, and many of you who know me very probably think that I am conducting a one man political campaign, this is not a political campaign at all, this is an attempt to warn the poor people of Louisiana that danger is awaits at their door.

If you are a poor man or woman, if you belong to the under-privileged class, if you work hard for a living, I'm talking to you.

It matters not to me who your candidates are or any other office, support and vote for whomsoever you please. That is your God-given privilege. If any man who is not the open and avowed candidate of these newspapers and corporation lawyers, and is not supported and endorsed by them, offers his candidacy to the people of this State in the January primary, and you believe he is honest and clean and sincere, then by all means support him, vote for him, I'll have no quarrel with you. But meantime, don't you, for your own sake, for your children's sake, for the sake of the State of Louisiana, don't, please don't be fooled by these newspapers of special interest in letting them get control of the Government of this State. That's my proposition. That, and that alone. If before these troublous times in Louisiana are over every politician presently holding office in Louisiana is shown to be a crook from top to bottom, then give your Government into the hands of the tools that will be offered you by these lying crooked, scandal----- newspapers and the big monied interests of this State and nation.

You'll simply be swapping the devil for his brother if that ever happens. Forget me! Forget politics! Forget every personality in the State of Louisiana today! And just look this situation squarely in the face. You don't like this politician? Kick him out of office! If you don't like that one, kick him out! This politician you think has been shown up as a crook and a grafter, slap him in jail, and give him the same kind of trial and treatment that everybody gets, and if a jury of twelve of his peers says he's guilty, put him in the penitentiary where he belongs. Hold all the investigations you want to. I'm glad to see them held. But don't, whatever you do, whatever happens, never let yourself believe, you poor people, that because somebody else is bad the Times Picayune is good. No matter how bad anyone in Louisiana is shown up to be the lying and corrupt newspapers are worse. No matter how little interest in the well-being of poor people some crooked politician has evinced, those blue-blooded, money-loving, society-crazy corporation lawyers have less interest. A man who was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, my friends, and who has had plenty all his life, cannot feel for the problems of the poor devils, whose life is spent earning his living by the sweat of his brow. Free school books mean nothing to a rich man. He can buy his children their books, and being rich he can't understand how much saving even a dime or quarter means to a poor man. So it would be a matter of indifference to him if the Association of Commerce and the newspapers elected their tools as your lawmakers and they took your free school books away from you. But it would be a tragedy to you! A homestead exemption means nothing to a corporation lawyer. What does he need with a homestead exemption? He's rich, and he can afford to pay taxes, even on a mansion. But to you small home owners it means a lot. It means that you can add just that little money to the few comforts and conveniences that you can provide for your little family.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, some of my friends have told me I'm unwise to take the position I've taken. They've told me that I

might make those in political power in this State angry. They say that I may be criticized for stirring up unrest. They tell me maybe we ought to be quiet and the newspapers will quit misadvertising Louisiana to the world and these so-called indignant citizens of the Association of Commerce will cease raising cane and put their shoulders to the wheel and help to bring about rest and quiet and peace in this State.

Maybe my friends are smarter than I am. But if that ever happens it'll be the first time an eating cancer ever was cured by letting it be. No sir! You let a cancer alone and it'll eat you up! It'll spread out its greedy tentacles to every part of your body it can reach, and it'll grab hold of every one of your vitals until you finally wake up one day and realize you're a goner. These friends might be smarter than I am, and they probably are about most things, but I know what I'm doing in this situation. I didn't ask anybody if I could make a fight for the poor man against his natural enemies, the Times Picayune and the corporate interests. I didn't have to. There are no mortgages on my political soul. No one owns or controls me. If I chose to make an alliance in politics I do it. But I don't sacrifice my individuality nor my independence. I reserve the right at all times to speak my own mind honestly and open. I knew what I was up against when I decided to commence this fight. Some well meaning people with whom I discussed it told me they're going to say you're trying to protect some crooks ---- myself. But ladies and gentlemen, only a coward hesitates to do that which is right because he fears what some people might say. The welfare of the poor people of this state is infinitely more important to me than what some people might say. If I died right after I completed this speech and I had done nothing more than prevent the poor man, woman and child of Louisiana from falling victims to the snares being set for them by the humbugs, fakes and frauds masquerading as newspapers and corporation lawyers, then I say to you, I honestly believe I would not have lived in vain.

I know what I'm up against, every ---- and evil motive that the ---- of the rich can think up ---- fact will be ---- to me before this ----. Every foul calumny and slander that tongue and pen of big money can devise will be uttered against me. I'm in for it, I know that! What ---- I succeed in stopping these power-greedy corporation control ---- from lying their way into political power in the State or not, such a fight is but a small one to me. Yes, they'll try to buy me. Now, if I were a demagogue, as one fine gentleman of the press called me in an editorial the other day, I'd say they actually had already tried to buy me, but I'm telling you the truth, I'm not playing a demagogue. One of my friends who was employed in the Civil District Court Building of this city told me the other day he heard a group of elderly lawyers in conversation on the third floor corridor of that building, that they were discussing my last speech, these elderly

lawyers, one of them said "The thing we ought to do at the outset with this fellow WIMBERLY is buy him off right at the start and hush him up". Save your time and mine boys. You definitely got the wrong angle. You fellows think money can buy anything. But it can't. How do you think I could go to sleep tonight if, believing as I do, however mistaken I might be, if believing as I do, that by warning the poor people of this State that they are in grave danger at the hands of unscrupulous people I might play some small part in saving them from that danger. How do you think I could go to sleep tonight if I sold every poor man woman and child in Louisiana down the river to the newspapers and big corporate interests when I know that those same newspapers and corporate interests mean them harm. I told you big money boys, listen to me well, that there are but few ways to shut me up. One is to make these lying newspapers that you own, and your other pliant tools, your corporation lawyers and bankers, stop trying to defraud the poor people of Louisiana out of their political birthright. Make these frauds, hypocrites and humbugs stop trying to fool the poor people of this State into giving them control of our Government - that's simple enough. And you can do it. You might have to go all the way to Wall Street to get it done. But you can do it big boys. You can do it. You know what I mean when I say go all the way to Wall Street.

Now the other way to shut me up is just exactly as you did with HUEY P. LONG. You know what I mean. I'm not going to mince words with you. I don't mince words. I don't hate the rich. I don't envy them. I don't want any quarrel with them. My life has been cast with the poor whom I've lived amongst all my life. I live on the wrong side of the tracks with the poor people, and I'm content and happy to live there in peace and quiet all of my life, and I won't come on your side rich boys, I won't come on your side rich boys - I won't come on your side of the tracks, if you don't meddle with my side. These newspapers brand as a demagogue any person who dares to expose and denounce their nefarious ----- plots to usurp power. They try to mark with infamy the man who expresses the honest convictions of his heart and brain. They stigmatize as treasonable the exercise of free speech, the brightest gem in the golden crown of democracy. Demagogue! I hate! I loathe! I ----- that word, and its abhorrent and malicious implication.

Let us get down to brass tacks. I'm used to asking plain questions. I believe in taking these situations apart. You can't just call me a demagogue you newspaper boys and expect to get away with it. I went to the newspaper, I went to the dictionary, to find out what a demagogue was, and according to any standard dictionary a demagogue is a speaker, now listen to this well please my friends, a speaker who seeks to make capital of social discontent and gain political influence. Now, that is the meaning, the legitimate definition of the word demagogue, let me repeat it again, they called me a demagogue so I'm telling you what the dictionary says a demagogue is, a speaker who seeks to make capital of social unrest and gain political influence. Social unrest. There is no social unrest in this state today, I know there's a great

deal of high society unrest in the State since I exposed and routed some gentlemen of the so-called elite. There is social unrest in the proper meaning of that phrase, the masses are not clamoring for a change in the form of our Government. There might be some fellows who want to put certain politicians out, to be elected to office themselves, but they are not clamoring for a change in our Form of Government, like from democratic to communistic or something like that. That's a social unrest. Therefore, it's impossible for me to be taking advantage or to make capital of a condition of social unrest which in fact does not exist in Louisiana. Neither am I a candidate for public office. So you can readily see that the word demagogue as applied to me is a malicious slander and a deliberate libel. Am I a demagogue because I believe in the philosophy of Government formulated and expounded by JEFFERSON, by WASHINGTON, by FRANKLIN? Shall I be -----because I believe in the grand democratic principle of majority rules? No, ladies and gentlemen! I believe in the capitalistic system, of which labor and capital are ----- parts, and that when properly regulated gives to every man, be he laborer or capitalist, a fair and just proportion of the products of his brain and brawn. And it is because I am a firm believer in democracy and capitalism properly regulated that I am defying the plutocrats and bureaucrats who are fiendishly conspiring to destroy both. They are the demagogues! These fiendish, crooked newspapers and their ----- corporation madmen. They are the conniving heartless scoundrels who, masquerading as patriots, are resorting to undisguised and shameless demagoguery, trying to arouse baseless fears, to erupt a volcano of hatred against constituted authority, and to convert this State into an inferno of confusion in order that they might emerge the bureaucratic masters of Louisiana.

And this condition, ladies and gentlemen, mark me well, is not confined to this State alone, but is a part of a free vision conspiracy to turn back the clock of history to the time of medieval surfdom. Any man or woman who has ever read history knows that throughout its course democratic Government has been destroyed by the great monied interests who reduce mankind to a state of peonage. Any students of history, any professor in the universities of the United States which are not under corporate domination will verify this historical truth. They will tell you that history for thousands of years, and I speak advisedly, in China, in India, in Greece, in Rome, in continental Europe, in Persia, in the United States, in the South and Central Americas, will conclusively prove that all great social upheavals have their causitive factor and germinal inception in millions of underdogs driven to desperation and violence by the bureaucratic few. And it is to prevent such a catastrophe, to preserve democracy, to retain the capitalistic system under which everybody should enjoy a just proportion of the fruits of his labor, that I so strenuously and inexorably opposed these historical enemies. I want to see this great experiment in human liberty, this magnificent republic, grow to more splendid and grander proportions as the centuries roll by. It is a cause to which we should all consecrate ourselves. If you big

monied boys will let my people, who are the poor people, alone, I'll let you alone! If you won't, then by the great and eternal God who made my soul, get ready to fight, because I'm coming after you. That's my proposition to you, that's the bargain I'll make with you Mr. Big Money. You can keep your money. I don't want it. I'll tell you right now, if a man comes to me and tries to offer me any of it, like dis-
 creet corporation lawyers, found there in the corridor of the Civil Dis-
 trict Court, one of those babies or any of their friends, come to offer it to me, let them be prepared to fight. Let'em be prepared to fight, I'm an old man now, reached forty the other day, I still think I can take on some of these boys who come around me trying to buy me.

Now, you leave my people alone, and I'll let you alone. And you can pile up all the money you please as long as you do it as a private individual, but take my advice for your own good, and don't try to control the public life of this state. You boys are out of politics and you ain't coming back in and that's all there is to it.

Now, let me get down to talking about some of this newspaper publicity my last speech brought on. These newspapers are great institutions, they're fine, fine institutions. The first thing these newspapers carried the next day was that radio station WDSU had been threatened the morning after my speech by some of those corporation high-binders I mentioned in my speech. They were threatened that if they permitted me to speak again some lawsuits might be filed against that station. Now, WDSU, I believe, is the only major radio station in town that will permit broadcast of a ----- nature, broadcasts where politics may be discussed. So these high finance bandits figured they'd put a gag on the radio as they have on the newspapers and then the people of this State couldn't have the truth spoken at all. They didn't question the truth of what I said, they didn't threaten legal action against me, oh no! they threatened the radio people, who are as disinterested in anything else but the sale of their radio time as anybody on earth would be. And they ran to the Governor, and they asked him to repudiate, aw.. repudiate this fellow WIMBERLY. Oh, he's cussing us out somethin' terrible! ----- Governor,----- We can't stand for a fellow like that. Governor LONG said he didn't approve of my criticism of MURPHY and ROGGE and when he heard I intended making a speech he tried through mutual friends to dissuade me from it. That's exactly the truth. He did send some of our friends to see me to try to argue me out of making that speech and the Governor is entitled to his opinion and I'm entitled to mine, and I think I was right and he was wrong and I don't have to take the ----.

Oh, but those newspapers played that up. LONG disavows ----- on ----- in WIMBERLY'S talk, voices own firm opinion that criticisms of MURPHY and ROGGE were ill advised and bad taste. I might say here that while I respect and admire EARL LONG and have been his close friend for a long time, he and I like other friends

disagree now and then. And not being of a yes man variety I always reserve the right to form my own opinions and to adhere to it if I think I'm right, and as I see it in this case I think I'm right and he's wrong. I think I had a perfect right to object. Not to the Attorney General of the United States conducting a legal and orderly investigation, into suspected wrong-doing in Louisiana - no, I'm for that! I don't want to see crooks protected! I want to see them uncovered and prosecuted to the utmost limit of the law. What I objected to was that these fellows were helping the Times Picayune to play politics in this State. I objected to them strutting around this State and getting their pictures in the newspapers every day and being quoted on this that and the other thing, much of which I considered none of their business and but a thinly varnished attempt on their part to help the newspaper in their campaign to stampede the people of the State of Louisiana into accepting newspaper and corporation lawyer Government. Those things are hurtful to the reputation and credit of the good people of this State. They are hurtful to the business man and the laboring man, and to the man who has his money invested in this State as well as to the general run of the citizens of Louisiana. Why only the other day there was a picture of this man ROGGE. I'm not trying to pick any fight with ROGGE. He's not too big for me to criticize when he does wrong, there's no man in this world too big to criticize when he does wrong. Here's a picture of ROGGE in the paper, I've got it right here before me. Picture of ROGGE - big as life - in the Times Picayune, and he was quoted in the accompanying news article as inviting people to come tell him about graft. The article was headed: "ROGGE URGES PUBLIC TO TELL UNITED STATES OF GRAFT", then the article started out: "Husky, six foot three, O. JOHN ROGGE, Assistant United States Attorney General," Boy, don't you know those newspapers are trying to flatter you? What has a man's appearance got to do with investigation? Here he goes on: "Come forward and tell what you know of political misconduct in the State". Get that, "political misconduct", not the misconduct of bankers or brokers or other people, but political misconduct. Does that show what's on the gentleman's mind or not? Now, here he goes on, this is MR. ROGGE talking thru the newspapers: "We know that lots of Louisiana people are afraid", and get this well, ladies and gentlemen, you decent, clean, honest, good poor people of Louisiana, get this plain, "We know that lots of Louisiana people are afraid, and in the past they have been justified in their fear". MR. ROGGE said, "However, I can say today that they need hold those fears no longer, this is the direct problem of the Federal Government". Just like they did in Chicago with CAPONE, just like they did in gangster-land, racketeering, things like that. Why, they'd take you for a ride if you'd bat your eye. And I'm in bad taste talking about such a man who could do such a thing as that to Louisiana? Good God, pity that man, in his mad desire for publicity and cheap notoriety he would give the world to believe that Louisiana is a place where a man must fear to open his mouth; that Louisiana is a place where organized racketeering and gangster methods prevail. There, to open your mouth against the politicians means being taken for a ride. like in Chicago. Why man

turn on your radio any night and you'll hear the present administration and the politicians in this State roundly and openly and severely criticized, world without end, and they're not taken for rides, they're not beaten up, they're not injured. When have you heard of any witness in a criminal prosecution in this State being injured or taken for a ride or anything like that MR. ROGGE? Where do you think you are ROGGE? In Chicago? Now, I don't object to them investigating - I'm for them. But quit playing politics for these lying newspapers MR. ROGGE? That's blasting the reputation of this State so MURPHY can pose as a racket-buster and tinkern DEWEY in this next presidential election. That's what I'm against. And do you think I'm the only one in the world who's criticizing Attorney General MURPHY for poking his nose in State's rights? Here's what a friend of mine writes me under date of August sixth: "Did you hear Representative HOFFMAN of Michigan?" That's MURPHY'S home State, so this fellow must know him pretty well, "Did you hear Representative HOFFMAN of Michigan speaking over radio station WWL, CBS, at 8:30 PM August 3, 1939? He stated among other things, (this is Representative HOFFMAN of Michigan, MURPHY'S own State) that MURPHY recently sent five investigators into the State of Kentucky in an investigation there and that they in turn presented a -----return to the Congressional Committee. Representative HOFFMAN asked whether the people of the United States were going to allow themselves to be forced into such a position that their States' rights and civil liberties were to be entirely taken away from them. So I'm not the only one who sees MR. MURPHY'S clay feet. The member of the United States Congress from his own home State has got him down as a man who has no respect for States' rights, a man who doesn't know, or knowing doesn't care, that under the Constitution of the United States of America each State in the Union is given the right to govern itself and to conduct it's own internal affairs. And let me tell you corporation lawyer boys something, you're lawyers, you know about States' rights. You just let these fellows come down here and trample all over States' rights. I'm not talking about protecting crooks. Let 'em conduct all the investigation they want, and I hope they put all the crooks in jail. But you take this business of States' rights. As a matter of principle and -----, don't you know it's a dangerous practice? ----- to let the Federal Government come down here and run our internal affairs. Don't you know that ten years from now you might have the finest set of State officials in the world, the most honest, the greatest, the most decent in the world and that this Federal Government, this precedent having been set, can come down here if they don't like the color of their eyes, and supercede 'em and take over.

Now, now, you corporation lawyer boys think about that. This is a precedent, this is a matter ----- this business of States rights. Let me tell you something. If FRANK MURPHY thinks he's going to step over the crushed and broken ruins of Louisiana's right to the sovereign state into the presidency of the United States he's the most badly mistaken man in America. Again I admonish you, O. JOHN ROGGE, to leave these lying newspapers alone, and direct your attention to questions of Federal law, investigate violations of Federal law all you want to, and may success attend your every effort. May you succeed

beyond your fondest expectations. in putting every crook and scoundrel and rascal in Louisiana that you find in the penitentiary, and I'll be for you on it and I'll shake your hand when you do it. All good people in Louisiana will commend you for that, but stop demeaning your high office by allowing a lot of scheming newspapers to bring you into the grave error of advertising to the world that Louisiana is a State where a man can't open his mouth to tell the truth without fear of reprisal by gangsters and racketeers, without fear of being taken for a ride, without fear of meeting foul play, that's the inference that was conveyed by your newspaper statement the other day, that was probably taken to the farthest corners of the United States and they're looking at Louisiana if they read that, as a land where a man is afraid to open his mouth, afraid to testify in a criminal trial for fear he'll be taken for a ride by gangsters.

Be fair to Louisiana and her people, that's all we ask. Be fair. Some people are saying I'm trying to drive you out of Louisiana so the State officials can cover up ----- . You know I'm not trying to run you out of Louisiana MR. ROGGE. You know how foolish that would be. How could one poor ----- little fellow like me run the United States Government out of Louisiana. No, I want you to stay here. I want you to catch and convict every crook in Louisiana. I hate crooks as badly as you do. All I'm asking of you is that you don't let these newspapers use the publicity you must necessarily attract to the disadvantage and ruination of the reputation of Louisiana.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, this evening's paper said that former Governor RICHARD W. LECHE was indicted and charged with stealing \$67,000. I say to you if that's true, if that newspaper report is true, if the indictment is true, if he's charged and found guilty of stealing \$67,000 then may he go to the penitentiary. I hope you do put him there if it's true that he stole \$67,000. I'm not covering up for anybody MR. ROGGE, I'm not covering up for anybody ladies and gentlemen. If what they say about SEYMOUR WEIS and MONTE HART is true that they used the mails to defraud, if what the newspapers say is true, that that Bienville Hotel was a rotten stinking deal and that the people of Louisiana were defrauded out of their money, then I say put them in the penitentiary cause they belong there and you won't find me criticizing you for doing it.

Now coming back a minute to these high society boys----- big rich boys. I think I got a few more minutes. Who profess ----- to such a deep and burning interest in the Government of Louisiana, well it surprise you to learn that many of these boys were not even qualified to vote in the last gubernatorial election in the State of Louisiana? They were not even interested enough to vote for their choice for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General and all of the state officers. They didn't have any interest at all in who was sent to Baton Rouge as their law makers. They had no interest at all three ~~short~~ years ago in the affairs of their state, and

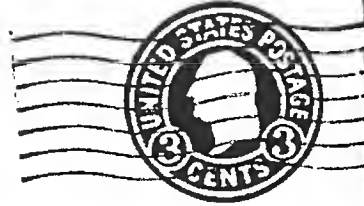
yet they have the unmitigated gall to join up in a Citizens Voluntary Committee, Assassination of Commerce League for the purpose of telling the Governor how to run Louisiana. You know a fellow like that is really got gall, he's really cheap, but don't take my word for it, I'm going to read you the rollof honor here; here's a list of the members of the Ex-Citizens Voluntary Committee of Louisiana, late lamented, out of the plain old undisguised Association of Commerce who had the brazen audacity to give the Governor advice on how to run the State when they couldn't even vote in New Orleans. When Louisiana's public officials were voted on by the people of Louisiana in the last gubernatorial campaign. Not registered, 1935 to 1938, which means they couldn't vote the last time a man ran for Governor: CHARLES C. CHAPMAN, NATHANIEL S. SHARE, JEROME JONES, ALBERT WACKENHEIM, E KIRBY NEWBURG, E. A. TALBOT, WILLIAM B. HANDREW, there's the boy for you. This boy was born in Paris, France and moved to Louisiana in 1935 and he's trying to run the State of Louisiana already, would you believe that? Didn't take that boy long to get started WILLIAM B. HANDREW, boy, boy, HENRY BORDEON, W. S. SIMPSON, JOHN A. BUMPSTEAD, C. B. STARBOD, HAROLD HAZEN, E. A. STEVENS, CHARLES C. CRAMEN, JR., JOHN WESLEY COCHRAN, GEORGE S. CLARK, HAROLD S. MEYER, DOUGLAS E. FERRETT, ROY M. WATSON, he's registered alright, he's a Republican, this boy's registered alright, HUGH McCLUSKEY, he's registered too, but let me tell you about this boy, he's twenty three years old , this fellow, I believe he's head of the People Indignant Citizens, or something like that. He's registered but he didn't say he had any party affiliation when he filed his registration card, just said party affiliation: none. So he can't vote in the Republic and he can't vote in the Democratic primary, he can't vote at all. And he's trying to tell Governor LONG how to run Louisiana . Twenty three year old boy.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, I have a few telegrams that came in here and I'm going to try to read if time will permit, and then I'm tired, I'm going to quit. Here's "Crowd of twenty listening in and all enjoying your talk, program coming in very good", Nemo Beer Parlor, 3401 St. Claude Ave., Thanks boys. "Congratulations, keep up the good work", L. C. STEIGEL, 4920 Bienville St., "SHIRLEY WIMBERLY of New Orleans, "Crowd of twenty listening in, enjoying your talk very much", JAMES SMITH St. Claude Social Club. SHIRLEY WIMBERLEY "Have sympathy for those aristocrats, although they're unfortunate, congratulations" AL LUKOWSKY and family. SHIRLEY WIMBERLY "Crowd of ten listening in, keep up the good fight" MARTIN B. HELM, 1706 St----, SHIRLEY WIMBERLY "Congratulations twenty listening in you have then on the run keep up the good work, tell it to them." SHIRLEY WIMBERLY "Crowd of fifty listening in we're with you 100% continue the fight and keep up the good work" THE EARL K. LONG FOR GOVERNOR CLUB, JOE F. SUTTER, Recording Secretary 8th Ward, "Congratulations SHIRLEY, keep up the good work, your friend JIM BRENNAN" Give them H SHIRLEY, you're not alone" ED BOYLE, I know I'm not alone, don't you worry about that EDDIE. "Do as well tonight as last Monday you----" signed JOHN WILE. "Congratulations keep up the good work, our meeting has adjourned to hear your talk" OSCAR C. FERTUIT, Chairman Laboring Men and Small Business Men Committee, Thank

you OSCAR. Alright, here's one from MRS. L. SPAN, this is a note from a very good friend of mine, Dear Sir, congratulations to you for defending a man whom we know will come out on top because the poor people of Louisiana believe he will carry out HUEY'S wishes and bring glory out of chaos. Myself and about six ----- person I know of will be listening in to you for champion for the cause of good clean Government, yours respectfully MRS. L. SPAN. Thank you MRS. SPAN. "Congratulations on your wonderful speech, crowd listening in" FRIENDS. Aw, you ought to sign your name boy, don't be afraid ----- "We're all for you" ROBERT MITCHEL, JR. AND GANG, 1113 Cambronne St. "Twenty five listening in, keep up the good work" PAUL KN---, 1334 Music Street. "Congratulations on your wonderful talk, crowd of ten listening in" MRS. HENRY BEHRINS, 628 Pauline St., Thanks, "Let's throw out few bad potatoes and carry on, we're for you and Governor EARL K. LONG 100% gang listening in" HAROLD JORAN, 1006 Frenchman St., How're you Al. "Crowd listening in, enjoying your talk" CHARLES PLACE, Desire and Roman, Thanks. "Even though I'm in the Dog House with you I still think you're making a darn good speech, keep up the work boy" Signed JIM LINDSEY. Alright JIM I'll get out the Dog House. "A crowd of fifteen listening in we're with you 100%, continue the fight and keep up the good work" MRS. C. J. SMITH. SHIRLEY WIMBERLY "Several listening in keep up good work" Signed OPPENHEIM. "Congratulations, keep up the good work, we're all with you 100%" CHARLIE GALLIANO.

Now ladies and gentlemen ---- for two minutes for me to conclude this speech. I want to say to you good people of Louisiana you poor people and I'm one of you. That the hour has struck in this State when the underprivileged must rise and stand as a solid ----- against this frenzied attack of the enemies of HUEY LONG. If the Times Picayune and corporate interests want to succeed in their bid to regain power every right, every advantage, every benefit that great and wise statesman wrested from their unwilling hands would be snatched from you again. Shall history record that HUEY LONG'S blood was spilled in vain? No, there is too much stalwart manhood and noble womanhood in Louisiana to permit such a catastrophe. They have challenged us. They, the heartless demons who hissed at HUEY LONG so as he took his flight into the Great Unknown. They have challenged us, these conscienceless creatures who's insatiable hatred pursued HUEY LONG'S body even into the dark and silent grave. They have challenged us and we accept that challenge. Hundreds of thousands strong, we, the poor people of this State take up the gauntlet the newspapers have thrown down. HUEY LONG did not die in vain, and we'll never stop until we make of this, our native State, the kind of a land the martyred HUEY LONG dreamed of all his life. The kind of a land he fought and bled and died for. A land where none shall be too big, and none shall be too little. A land where there shall be clothes to cover the backs of the naked, where there shall be food so that all might eat, where no little family shall ever be homeless. The kind of a land where every man A King. I thank you.

You have just heard MR. SHIRLEY WILBERLY, New Orleans Attorney speaking from the studios of WDCU in New Orleans. This was a paid political program, the views held by the speaker are his own and not necessarily those of this station.



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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of even date to Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE, which mentions an informant who furnished information that one P. W. BLEWER may be in a position to furnish information concerning oil deals on the part of SEYMOUR WEISS and former Governor RICHARD W. OLECHE. The Bureau is advised that the informant mentioned in this interview is Mr. MORTIMER KELLY, Agent for the Travelers' Life Insurance Company, Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,



B. E. SACKETT,
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